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October brought 2,577 subscriptions as compared with 2,466 in October last year, or a gain of 111 for the month. That means 42 consecutive months with an increase in the number of subscribers.

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If your subscription is one of the 12,039 that expire during these three months, you will know precisely how you can help in adding to the upward moving procession.

LETTERS

From the Editor's Mail Bag

Your editorial on "Baptists and Christian Science" was read with interest and approbation.

I was born and brought up a Baptist. My mother was a Congregationalist and my husband a Methodist. Among my best friends have been Jews and Catholics. Two of my dearest friends are loyal Christian Scientists, although brought up in another Protestant church. The Federal Council of Churches has my support because of the great need for the lessening of sectarian differences in the support of a common ideal. Nevertheless, the Baptist Church is the branch of the spiritual family in which my lines have fallen. Therefore, may I be permitted to send this commentary?

The power of Christian Science has provoked me to much thought. Wherein does this group of people excel? It does not seem to be because of ex-

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QUESTION BOX DECEMBER

NOTE.—Questions are taken from all pages and occasionally include advertisements. The contest is open only to subscribers.

1. Who served for 32 years in India?

2. Who served for 32 years in Japan?

3. Whose poverty has enriched the spiritual life of mankind?

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4. Where did 23 inches of rain fall in one month?

5. "We invite others to join—." Complete this sentence.

6. Where have 90 Jews been killed?

7. Where are there eight daughters of ministers?

8. For what is Sunday, December 6 suggested?9. Where had there been an

epidemic of spinal meningitis?

10. Who lives on Echo Avenue?

11. Whose eyes were put out?

11. Whose eyes were put out?
12. Who wrote, "Send it to your mother"?

13. What church established a Chinese Sunday school?

14. Who shivered at midnight?15. Whose family was originally

Roman Catholic?

16. Where may be found an answer to the dictatorships of the

present day?
17. What was postponed from this issue?

18. What is said to be a "masterpiece of condensation"?

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ternal situations, nor strength of organization, nor power of discrimination, intellectual viewpoint, nor virtues of loyalty, but rather in their continuing study of the Scriptures. Perhaps we Baptists could learn from it. Moreover, Christian Scientists practice their faith as individuals and are conTrouble on the Roof
A CARTOON BY CHARLES A. WELLS



THE missionary movement has made the Christmas spirit a universal experience.

Unfortunately in recent years the commercialization of that spirit by selfish and unscrupulous interests has done much to poison the sweetness of what was coming to be a world-wide week of joy and spiritual blessing.

The sale of war toys for children, the flood of Christmas cards that neither in picture nor message have any Christmas significance, the transformation of a gracious experience in gift-bearing into an over-stimulated, wild shopping orgy, find our hearts heavy as we approach the Christmas season.

Nevertheless, this can be changed. And it can be changed quickly if every Christian in every land would pledge God and himself that this Christmas shall be a REAL CHRISTMAS, ruled by the love born of Bethlehem, and not dominated by the propagandists of selfish greed and commercialized good will.—Charles A. Wells.

fident of their success. Yet we have access to the same life of Him who was so sure that His Kingdom was not of this world that He died to prove it. But we Baptists are so busy being "doers" of the Word that we have no time to "hear."—Mrs. S. D. Vinnedge, Toledo, Ohio.

Two recent editorials stirred me deeply. "Baptists and Christian Scientists," in the October issue, touched a sore and vital spot. Your comment in the June issue on the general disappointment with the St. Louis Convention was most timely. However, when the two editorials are taken together,

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they increase the confusion which befogs so many of us. How is it possible to increase numerical strength while we are pushing a vigorous program of social action? I am tremendously concerned about both movements, but they seem to get into each other's way. What then should be our objective now, a great denomination from the numerical point of view, or from the point of view of a high spiritual ethic? In my opinion, a real program of progressive social action must be the work of a minority—a small group which will make real sacrifices for its conviction, and engender the necessary spiritual enthusiasm for its cause in the process.

May I say that I grow warmer in my appreciation of Missions with each new issue? I would not miss its stimulation and its fine Christian challenge. —Rev. G. H. Tolley, St. Louis, Mo.

I agree with the Vermont minister that "every book reviewed in Mis-SIONS ought to have the search light of the gospel turned on it and to have its errors revealed." Whose function is it to inform Baptists of truth? Is not Missions the mouthpiece of the Northern Baptist Convention? As to space limitations, it requires no more extensive reviews to reveal error than it does to conceal it. For example, the books on Kagawa are questionable to many Christians. From reliable sources we learn of his misinterpretation of Christ. Yet Baptist publications join in praise. Christian America could aid him more by criticizing than by worshipping him as a super-man. -Mrs. H. E. Waterman, Boise, Idaho.

I want to pry into some of your secrets. Who wrote the review of my book, The Shadow of the Broad Brim, as published on page 363 in your issue of June 1934? Please open up and tell me. To me personally, I ranked it with the big three in reviews: Charmion London (Mrs. Jack), Tideman Chilvers, and your own. Who ever did it, I'd like to know.

Your latest issue is up to The National Geographic or The London Times. What more could I say?—Rev. Richard E. Day, San Francisco, Cal.

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ABOVE: A Christmas doll from America. LEFT: A Belgian Congo madonna. RIGHT: A Karen madonna in Burma. BELOW: Chinese boys in San Francisco, dressed up like Christmas dolls







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Christmas Pessimism



ABBI STEPHEN S. WISE, in his Christmas sermon a year ago, said to his Jewish congregation in New York, "If Jesus returned today he would find greed, unbrotherliness and war as blotches

on the canvas of Christian life. He taught love, brotherliness, peace. Where are they today?"

The passing year has accentuated the Rabbi's pessimism. Where are love and brotherliness and peace today? Amid the rising race prejudice, the Christmas message seems a futile abstraction and an unrealizable dream. Above the Bethlehem chorus the world hears the strains of martial music and the rhythmic tramp of marching men. Thousands of homes in Spain can have no Christmas joy because the god of war has left his bloody trail across the land. There will be no Christmas in Russia, for it has been banished as a capitalistic superstition. Christmas in Ethiopia finds a nation ruthlessly conquered by another nation that for centuries has worshipped the mother of the Child of Bethlehem. Germany gazes with covetous eyes toward the fertile fields of the Ukraine and has no use for the peace of Christmas. And how can we reconcile peace with England's forty million gas masks, or harmonize brotherliness with America's billion dollar war budget. The angels sang, "Peace on earth"; and men ask, "Where is peace?"

Such Christmas pessimism is not new. During the American Civil War period more than 60 years ago, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow reflected it in his familiar poem:

I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old, familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men!

And in the third stanza he voiced the despair of that tragic period:

And in despair I bowed my head;
"There is no peace on earth," I said;
"For hate is strong,
And mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good will to men!"

How true that is today. Yet how true also is Longfellow's answer to his own despair:

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep; "God is not dead; nor doth He sleep!
The wrong shall fail.
The right prevail,
With peace on earth, good will to men!"

Herein lies the reason for today's pessimism. For millions of men God is no longer living but dead. For them the story of Bethlehem is now only an illusion.

Into such a mood of pessimism, Christmas injects not only its radiant optimism but presents its message with new, commanding urgency. In this time of confusion of mind and bewilderment of soul, to restore men's faith in God, to reaffirm for individuals and for nations the reality of His salvation through Christ, to show that love can triumph over hate, that brotherliness can overcome prejudice, that the angels' song of peace can silence the world's hymns of war—what task can compare with that? The fate of our generation depends on its achievement.

When the followers of Christ undertake this task, and truly incarnate the Christmas message in their own lives, men will again realize that God is not dead. In His supreme gift He has shown the way to love, brotherliness and peace. That is the answer to Christmas pessimism.

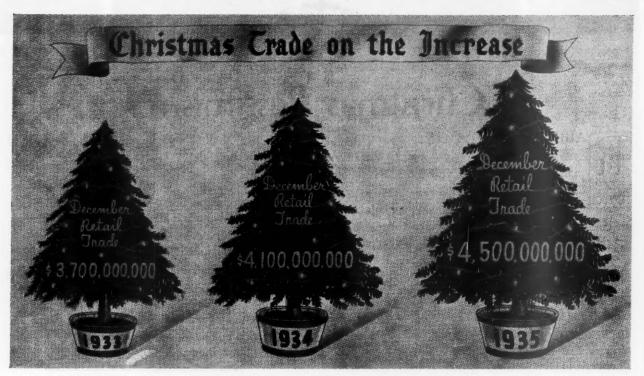


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Current Events of Missionary Interest



Christmas shopping furnishes unmistakable evidence of recovery. The Christmas tree of 1936 will be still higher

The Highest Christmas Tree in Seven Years

CHRISTMAS, with the ever increasing tendency to commercialize it, again brings the greatest shopping season of the year. For three years the Christmas buying trend has been steadily upward, as shown in the pictogram on this page. It is published by courtesy of *The United States News*, an independent weekly in Washington, D. C.

Here again is evidence of recovery from the hard times. By all signs the Christmas tree of 1936, to complete the picture, will be higher than the other three. Retail trade in New York is showing an increase of 20% and is at a level only 27% below the peak of 1929. On the Pacific Coast, sales volume shows an increase of 39%, or within 22% of the peak of 1929. All this means the merriest commercial Christmas in America in seven years. It means more toys for children, more usable as well as useless gifts for adults, more bonuses for employees, more profits for employers, more freight and passengers for railroads—in short, more of everything that is associated with American financial prosperity.

How will the church and its missionary enterprise fare in this rising prosperity? Will the annual church Christmas offering in New York also show a 29% increase or a 39% increase on the Pacific Coast? Will the Baptist Forward Fund experience financial uplift comparable to that which the Christmas trade is now witnessing? Because of this returning prosperity, will our mission boards be able to return missionaries to their fields, keep others there who are scheduled to be dropped, and restore salary cuts? Is the incoming tide of business recovery over-flowing into the channels of church and missionary activities? If not, then Missions needs to make no comment. Each reader can reason the thing out for himself.

Christmas Peace in Palestine by Force of British Arms

CHRISTMAS finds the little land of Palestine under rigorous military rule. The long series of disorders and conflicts between Arabs and Jews, during the course of which 38 British, 90 Jews and nearly 800 Arabs have been killed, finally compelled

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England as mandatory power to take drastic steps to restore order and crush Arab resistance. Under the command of Lt. Gen. J. C. Dill, 15,000 British soldiers have been sent to Palestine. Thus the land which gave birth to the Prince of Peace celebrates his birthday under military rule just as it did when He was born. As to Pontius Pilate, so to the new general, unprecedented authority has been given. At his discretion he may: (1) Impose censorship on the press and all communications; (2) Issue any regulations which he thinks best so long as they are "for the public safety"; (3) Arraign, detain or exclude from Palestine any person whatever; (4) Seize private property for the government or destroy it as a punitive measure. To retaliate against such stern measures, the Arabs are said to have offered a reward of \$2,500 for the kidnapping of the general.

Chief cause of trouble is the steady immigration of Jews whose coming threatens eventually to wrest control and ownership of the country from the Arabs. In 1928 there were only 65,000 Jews in all Palestine. Today there are nearly 400,000, more than 60% of whom live in the towns. Jerusalem is now nearly 75% Jewish. Palestine now stands eighth among the countries of the world in the size of their Jewish populations. The United States of America still heads the list.

Contrary to New Testament times, there is great prosperity in Palestine due to this Jewish immigration with its importation of capital. Industry is flourishing. There is a shortage of labor. Taxes have been reduced. The country has no government debt. The two leading seaports of Jaffa and Haifa are urgently in need of expansion of harbor facilities to take care of the ever growing commerce. Yet opposition to the Jew steadily increases. It is manifested

even by the Christian population. Because of alleged Jewish disrespectful behavior at the Christmas celebration a year ago, the heads of the Catholic, Greek and Chaldean church communities now deny Jews the right to enter the church of the Nativity in Bethlehem which was built in the year 230 by the Emperor Constantine.

The only Baptist church in Palestine is a small but attractive house of worship in Jerusalem.

Atheistic Russia Repairs a Famous Church

THEISTIC Russia, which has demolished probably thousands of churches during the antireligious campaign of the past dozen years, is now engaged in the unusual task of restoring one of her historic cathedrals, the famous church of St. Basil. Its fantastic architecture has dominated the Red Square since its construction 400 years ago. It was built during the reign of Czar Ivan the Terrible. According to tradition, after the architect had completed his task, his eyes were put out by the Czar in order that he might never elsewhere duplicate this masterpiece of his architectural genius. When religious services in this cathedral were discontinued several years ago, the huge edifice rapidly fell into disrepair. Its dilapidated appearance soon seemed out of harmony with the clean, showy Red Square, scene of numerous communist parades and demonstrations. The Soviet government is now renovating the structure, redecorating it inside and out, and from the interior walls is removing the 19th century decorations which covered up the original 16th century paintings.

When the work is completed, St. Basil's cathedral will be another anti-religious museum.

Remarkable Remarks

HEARD OR REPORTED HERE AND THERE

CHRISTIANITY STANDS AT THE CROSSROADS TODAY because communists and political socialists have taken up the missionary torch where Christians threw it down, and they are pressing forward their claim that they are now the light of the world.—

Rev. Will D. McCurdy.

PEACE IS NOT MADE IN DOCUMENTS but in the hearts of men.—Herbert Hoover.

OUR WHOLE SOCIAL ORDER IS WRONG and we know it.—John S. Whale.

To reject eternal peace as an absurbity and as something foreign to the creed or to the temperament of any people is to proclaim one's self a barbarian and an enemy of all mankind.—Nicholas Murray Butler.

ETERNAL PEACE IS ABSURD and impossible.— Benito Mussolini. (Compare this with the previous remark. Who is right?—ED.)

PEOPLE TODAY ARE SATED WITH PLEASURE, but they are starving for joy.—Dr. Robert E. Speer.

Christmas One Day Early

The familiar phrase about going to Jerusalem is vividly projected into a thrilling travel adventure for Bradford Abernethy and his wife, that turns the formal Christmas service at the end of the journey into an anti-climax

By JEAN BEAVEN ABERNETHY



A general view of Jerusalem as seen from the Mount of Olives

EITHER my husband nor I had expected Christmas on the 24th of December. We had planned for it, as we always had, on the 25th, and it was to be a very special

25th, because we were to spend it in Bethlehem and Jerusalem.

Being very young and enthusiastic, we had mapped out our day with great care. There would be a Christmas service in the Church of the Nativity, and then the procession down to the grotto where Christ was born; there would be caroling on the hills above the "little town"; and then finally, there would be our evergreen tree and our own service back in Jerusalem. "What could be a more perfect setting in which to capture the spirit of the season," we thought, "than Christmas day where Christ was born?" All our preparations had been made in detail. This was to be the Christmas of our lives!

But the 24th of December—that had not even occurred to us. To be sure, it was on the calendar, but as far as we were concerned it was just the inconspicuous but necessary interim during which we would get ourselves from Egypt up into Palestine. A dirty ride gave no promise of even being interesting. In the first place, we did not like the idea of wasting some of our precious

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time on a train. In the second place, we had decided, for reasons economic as well as sentimental, that we would enter the Holy Land third class, and neither of us were quite sure of what "going coach" in the Near East entailed. It would probably be uncomfortable and we were anticipating getting through the experience as soon as possible.

The 24th, in short, was to be just one of those flat, dull days which lie between the climaxes of life—days which, for most of us, compose so much of our living.

Strange, then, that with our planned climax so near, we should have had our Christmas on the dull, flat day.

We arose at two o'clock on the morning of the 24th of December in order to get the train. The moon, with trembling finger was trying his best to draw a straight line across the dark Mediterranean waters. The palm trees were bending their long necks to let the wind blow through their short, black hair. A large army truck, stationed in that part of the Sinaitic peninsula, drove up to take us the ten miles to the little station.

The train pulled in at exactly three A.M. and we watched the first and second class cars, with their tightly closed blinds, roll by. A third class car stopped directly in front of us and we got on. Boarding the train at a station, midway as this one was between Cairo and Jerusalem, meant that the sleeping cars were already occupied and that the coaches were jammed with natives. Besides this, Jerusalem is a city sacred to Jews and Moslems as well as Christians, and the Christmas season draws thousands of pilgrims.

We stood for a minute in the doorway and peered in. Neither of us was fully awake as yet. I felt groggy and my eyes were heavy. It reminded me of the way I used to feel in college when I would hop out of bed on a cold winter morning to close the window. I considered it, when I thought of it later, merely as a state of semi-consciousness in which I was granted a leave of absence, but only on the basis that I would be back to bed immediately. That was exactly the way I felt on this particular occasion—

just conscious enough to get the ten miles across the desert and fully expecting to settle down to sleep again for the rest of the night.

Consequently, it was a rude awakening when I looked inside the door of the car and began to "take in" the situation. A riot of gorgeous oriental colors woven into matted goat's hair and filthy woolens met our eyes. The odors of decaying food and dirty people, as with one accord, rolled up to greet us. Not a white face nor a familiar costume was to be seen. Everyone was jabbering in Arabic. Those who troubled to look up gave us a hostile glance and then continued to stare like a herd of bovines.

People were literally everywhere, and I do not mean in the neat American sense of the term where every seat is taken but where the aisles are kept clear in case of fire. I mean that men were lying on the floor, and in some instances, two layers deep. One youth had draped himself over the netlike baggage rack above our heads. Children were tucked in edgewise. I noticed one particularly fat woman, smothered in black and weighed down by her coin headdress, whose corpulence was immediately explained when her robe began to move and three little heads popped out. Promptly she shoved them back in, pending the conductor's visit. As soon as he was safely out of sight she let them come up for ventilation!

A small boy near me was playing clumsily with a half-dead bird. His father looked with unseeing eyes upon the suffering of the little creature, and continued to munch on what looked like elongated lettuce leaves. His mother rolled back and forth on her share of the wooden bench evidently in great pain. Her face was scarred and blotchy; her eyes were closed and tears were streaming down her face. I suddenly realized to my horror that she was suffering from trachoma, that oriental disease so dreaded because of its contagion. The woman was slowly going blind.

It has taken me three paragraphs to describe what I saw and felt in the twinkling of an eye. It was as though I had been uprooted and suddenly planted in an entirely different world. Never in my life had I read of or seen anything

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like it. All our noble resolutions about third class began to fail me. "How can we enter the Holy Land in this way?" I thought. "We may never be back again. What a preliminary to our climax! We will be too tired to enjoy the 25th—perhaps we shall even be sick. How could we have been such fools, anyway, as to have exposed ourselves to such a thing as this?"

But it was now too late to do anything but inwardly soliloquize. The train had begun to move and I had the sudden sensation of being trapped. We could not get off, nor could we go backwards, since we knew that all reservations for first and second classes had long ago been taken. There was nothing to do but to advance; the time was ripe for action of some kind. I spied a seat halfway down the car and began to plough my way through the crowd. After stepping on and sliding off of numerous brown legs and arms, I came upon a most incongruous scene. Despite the jam, a small baby, with flies all over its face and a black bandana for a bonnet, was occupying a half of one of the hard-board benches.

My American sense of justice (or was it just the primitive in me?) came to the fore. I had paid for my ticket and that mewling infant had not! Politely but firmly I pushed the petite Arab over. Immediately the mother began to yell. I was a bit nonplussed by her eloquence, but kept on bravely. Her sisters and aunts joined in. The noise began to accumulate. Somewhat embarrassed, I looked up to find that a regular bevy of maternally minded Arabs had gathered around to cackle at me and shake their fists. Fortunately what they had to say was not translated, but the more they carried on the more determined I became to have the seat. With a minute or so more of maneuvering I managed to clear away a foot of space and promptly sat thereon.

I decided to try sleep as my one method of escape from what was becoming an increasingly unpleasant situation. I let my head flop forward, but somehow I could not relax. Possibly I was too angry, too tense and disappointed, to sleep.

As though matters were not bad enough, the girls and young women in the car kept up a weird tune. They broke its monotony every now and then by cupping their hands to their mouths to let out a piercing shriek. The shriek sent shivers down my already tired back; the music unnerved me. I had learned to loathe Arabic music. It always made me feel as though some Tantalus had deliberately picked out an out-of-tune piano to play only seven notes of a scale. I was always waiting for the eighth note which never came, and meanwhile longing to jerk up the other seven notes to their proper pitch.

By this time rest of any kind began to look impossible. The journey stretched before me for another six and a half hours. I was nearly drugged with sleep, but I could not seem to do anything about it. Then something happened. I do not know whether it was the scent of orange blossoms which came in on gusts of sand through the dirty window, or whether it was because a little girl across the aisle smiled shyly at me. Perhaps it was just the sense of humor we all have somewhere in us which, reminding me of what both the Beaven and the Abernethy families would say if they could only have seen me then, made me almost laugh out loud. We were the only "whites" in the car and it began to dawn on me that if I could get awake enough to appreciate it, this thing could be made a very unique and interesting experience.

I decided to talk to the man opposite me. He was the father of the dispossessed infant now quietly sleeping in its mother's arms. The man spoke some English, so I asked him who he was and what he was going to do in Palestine.

"I am a Copt, dear lady, and I belong to the Lord Jesus. We are not like these Moslem devils, and we go to Jerusalem on our first pilgrimage."

I smiled. "I am a Christian too," I answered. He looked amazed. No doubt he thought I had acted pretty much the heathen up to then.

"Where are you from?" I continued.

"Upper Egypt, dear lady, and you?"

"We are Americans, and this is our first pilgrimage too. Tomorrow we are going to celebrate Christmas in Bethlehem."

He began to be interested. "Praise be, dear lady," he ejaculated. "Praise be that you too belong to the Lord Jesus."

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Then he took out his small gilded Bible and began to teach me the Lord's Prayer in Arabic. I repeated after him as quietly as possible but withal we attracted attention. In another minute we had quite an audience. They laughed coarse, hearty laughs when I mispronounced something or forgot a word. They smiled toothless but well-meaning grins when I did well. I began to like them. "Human nature," I thought, "much the same the world over . . ."

Then there came the shriek and it unnerved me. "What are these women singing and why do they feel they have to keep it up all night?" I rudely interrupted my self-appointed professor.

"Why, dear lady, they are singing the Psalms of David, and they are singing them just as David and his followers sang them centuries ago."

"And the shriek?" I persisted. "Why the shriek?"

He smiled at my ignorance. "That too, is just as it was in David's time. It is their shout of joy that at last they are to see the Holy City. They have been saving money all their lives for this and now at last their dream is to come true."

"Wretch," thought I to myself, "wake up and live." And with that my whole outlook changed. The whole thing became one glorious opportunity to me. Here I was in the midst of what could be Bible characters. This was no commercialized side show for tourists. This was genuine. The costumes and the singing were exactly as they had been centuries ago. Bible scenes were being enacted before my very eyes if only I were not too stupid to see them. My resentment and my tenseness began to go. Instead of holding myself aloof from them, I felt something of me flowing out to all the people around me. It was a strange sensation. "Could this be loving people," I wondered. I had never before been conscious of actively loving a group of people. Undoubtedly this feeling of en rapport with my fellow passengers was the more apparent because of my intense dislike for them a few moments previous, but I do not think therefore that it was any the less sincere. I began to look around me.

That shepherd lad over there with his brown skin and his leather girdle and sling—he could be David. The small boy next to him with his coat of many colors—he could be Joseph. My "professor" across the aisle with his pointed beard and his upright posture—he could be one of the wise men. I turned around to seek out the child with the bird in his hand, for I knew that his father, stern and impatient looking, could be the prophet Amos, dresser of sycamore trees, fretting under the sins of the Israelites.

I had been sitting for about fifteen minutes make-believing like this when a young Bedouin, two seats in front of me, turned around. His face was brown and very beautiful. One could tell that his tough, firm skin had known the wind and the rain. He had a strong yet sensitive mouth and a dark growth of beard around his chin, but it was his eyes which held me spellbound. He barely looked at me in turning to speak to a friend and I was secretly glad, for they were the kind of eyes that read people easily. They seemed to me eyes which were at once personal and impersonal—personal because, if only for a moment, they looked directly at the you that was you and seemed to call you forth; but impersonal too, for they seemed to look way beyond us little people and see a band playing music which we could not hear. I knew instantly that Jesus must have looked something like that young Bedouin. Here was not the white skinned, immaculate Christ of my Sunday school imagination, but the real Jewish youth that He was. He knew the hot sun, and tired feet, the dirt, the crowding and the disease just as this young man did.

By now I was completely at home. I felt warm and generous to those about me and all because I had lost myself in finding them. Then I thought, "Ah, this is the way to enter the Promised Land. We are with lowly folk. Nothing is staged for our benefit; we are privileged tourists indeed."

Next day I sat in the midst of the ecclesiastical pomp and the ritualistic formality of the Bethlehem church service while the choir droned through the incensed air. It was an anti-climax.

Our real Christmas had already happened to us while going to Jerusalem.

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Christmas Beyond the Teak Forest

An interesting narrative of a tour which a missionary made by automobile and by ox cart through teak forests of Burma to remote villages in order to bring gifts and medicines, and to share with the people the glad tidings of Christmas

By M. C. PARISH



The inscription on the circular blackboard conveys a Christmas greeting. The board was originally a table top, is made of one piece, a single slice of a huge teakwood tree

HRISTMAS festivities here in Pegu began with the closing exercises for the school. That was followed by the Christmas Eve service at the church which included a program,

a Christmas tree and a dinner. Christmas day began with the annual breakfast for all the beggars, lepers, and other down-and-outs in town who

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would come to the church. This has become a custom here. That was followed by a preaching service by the pastor. That ended the Christmas services in the Pegu church.

The real fun was to begin the next day. We were up at four o'clock in the morning. After coffee and toast, we packed our luggage and at six o'clock started on a trip to one of our village

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churches. There were five of us in the car which was piled high with luggage on the back and in all the vacant spaces inside. At 7:30 we reached Daiku, 35 miles north. Here we left the car and transferred ourselves and our luggage to two ox carts. The road was just a cart track across the rice fields. It followed a path that was never intended for carts, and is in a bad condition. By noon we had gone seven miles, which was good going for oxen, over rough rutted roads. We stopped at a rest house and ate some curry and rice. We rested ourselves and the oxen until three o'clock, and then continued on that road until after a 15-mile trip, we arrived at six o'clock at the village of Gyo Gon. The road had been rough, the oxen went slow, and it had been anything but a joy ride.

The only hotel was a church-schoolhouse, a building 27 feet long and 18 feet wide, supported on wooden posts, with thatched roof and bamboo mat walling, which stopped about three feet from the roof to let in air. The floor was about five feet from the ground and was reached by a ladder. As we climbed down from the carts and tried to straighten our legs, the whole village turned out to meet us. And each one had to shake hands. Then we made camp, which consisted of putting up two camp cots and getting ready to live. For supper we ate more curry and rice. After supper we visited until about eight o'clock. As we were tired, we gently hinted that it was bed time and the crowd left. We stretched a curtain across one end of the room to make a bedroom, and retired.

In this latitude there is a big difference in the temperature of the day and the night, as much as 40 or 50 degrees. At least it seems that way at night. About midnight I awoke shivering, although I had two good blankets under me and two more over me. I found an extra curtain and put that over me, but even with that extra covering I could not get warm all night.

We arose at six o'clock and had some coffee and toast. At seven o'clock I conducted a Christmas prayer meeting, which included a sermon. At the close, I announced that we had epsom salts,

quinine, itch and worm medicine, and a dozen pairs of old spectacles.

Then our real work began. These people are the poorest, most indigent, as well as the most ignorant people with whom we have to work. They know nothing about sanitation nor hygiene. Most of them never have a change of clothes. One man I have known for years; I have never seen him wear a shirt. He goes around the village with just a skirt. However, when he comes to church, he wears a coat on which only one button remains. All the property he has is children. We held a clinic and dosed out medicine. Soon all the spectacles were gone. We could have disposed of many more.



Rev. and Mrs. M. C. Parish and the automobile in which they made part of this tour. Note the shadow of the Bible woman who snapped the kodak

There were many interviews. A young man wanted to go to the Theological Seminary next year. He has passed only the Fourth Grade. I told him I would consider the matter. Another wanted to be baptized. He had blind spells and thinks a demon has possessed him and that if he is baptized it will leave him. A girl about 15 years old wanted to go to our school next year, but is too poor to pay anything. She has never been to school except a short time in the village. This all shows a desire for better things, but with the poverty of the people it makes a big problem. We kept that up until noon.

Then came the big dinner for all the villages

around. An ox had been slaughtered and made into curry, and several baskets of rice had been cooked, so there was a big Christmas feast.

In the evening came the Christmas program. They had arranged that by themselves. There was much singing by choirs from different villages. The Christmas sermon was preached by the missionary. A good crowd of more than 200 listened attentively. Then followed more singing by the choirs and reciting of Scripture verses by children. I doubt whether many Sunday school children in America could have done any better. It showed what could be done if there was an opportunity. The giving out of presents concluded the program. We had brought these from America, mostly clothing, including some dolls made by a Daily Vacation Bible School. Nothing was more appreciated than these dolls. If the girls in America could only have seen what we saw they would have felt amply paid for making those dolls. But there were other presents. Although the village folk are poor, they brought bunches of bananas, parcels of cooked rice, raw turnips, etc. Their gifts were small in value, but great in goodwill. The program ended about nine o'clock.

Before ten o'clock we were again in bed and it was another cold night. I did not sleep any after midnight. We were up at four o'clock, packed our luggage, made some coffee and toast, and at 5:30, before daylight, we were on our way home. The trip back was just as long, just as rough and just as tedious as it had been going out. We reached Daiku about eleven o'clock where we had breakfast and rested. About five o'clock we started for home and arrived soon after six. That ended the first chapter in our Christmas festivities.

The second chapter was shorter and not quite so strenuous. We were up again at five o'clock and at 7:15 were packed up. Four of us, Mrs. Parish, a Bible woman, the cook, and I started in the car for another trip to another church. By 8:30 we had reached Einchalazy village where we have some Christians. It is 31 miles north from Pegu. There we parked the car behind a native house, loaded our luggage on two oxcarts, and at

9:00 were off for a 12-mile trip across the rice fields. Thousands of acres, and probably millions of bushels of rice, are being harvested and threshed in these fields at this time of year. One cart carried the luggage consisting of beds, bedding, bread box, clothes, presents, medicines, a lantern, two canteens, a goglet of boiled drinking water, a pot of curry and a pot of rice.

The trip was supposed to be 12 miles but as the road across the fields was more crooked than a snake's track, there is no way of telling the distance. It was just as hot and as rough and the oxen were just as slow as on the other trip. About noon we stopped at the one Christian house along the entire road and there ate our curry and rice.



Children of the forest who received dolls made by an American Daily Vacation Bible School

The house was of bamboo and at one end was a cattle shed. We sat on the edge of a veranda and let our feet hang over while we ate. We rested there until 2:30, then we started on.

From there the road was through a forest reserve, so there was shade. Although the road was rough, we enjoyed it. There were splendid teak trees, towering kings of the Burma forests. Many of them were festooned with orchids. There were also huge banyan trees, squeezing the life out of other trees. Birds drop banyan seeds into the crotch made by the branch and trunk of some soft wooded tree. Soon tiny rootlets start down the tree and wind around it. In a few years the

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tree is lost sight of and the banyan has taken its place. We drove through the forest and shortly after four o'clock reached Thin In.

The people had already made preparations for an evening service. Two Theological Seminary students had prepared the program. The preacher in the village is a woman whom I baptized with her husband more than 20 years ago. She has kept the church together and made it grow in spite of lapses and heartbreaking difficulties. It is a difficult task to get those people converted. It is even more difficult to keep them after they are converted. They are poor and ignorant beyond description. If we could have schools in these villages and thus reach the children, we would have a much easier task.

In these villages the besetting sins are drunkenness and gambling, which with ignorance of sanitation and hygiene, and of Christian requirements and customs, make a very difficult situation. But in spite of that there had been progress. Some who had lapsed had been brought back, and at least one new family had been added.

We had another cold night. Since we had more bedding we were more comfortable. It probably was not colder than 50 above zero, but the difference of 40 or 50 degrees between day and night makes it seem much colder. We did not get up until after six the next morning. After more coffee and toast, we had a prayer meeting. Then followed a clinic in which we distributed our medicines. We wished we had spectacles.

This was the last day of the old year. Another church wanted us for New Year's Day but it was too far away. So we decided to stay where we were. That night the woman preacher wanted a watch-night service. As we wished to get another early start, we thought that if we had a prayer meeting that night and another early in the morning we need not stay up so late. To this she agreed. So we had a prayer meeting that night and I led it. The next morning we were awakened at four o'clock by a gong proclaiming the New Year. As soon as we could get dressed we had another prayer meeting and thus started the new year. Then we packed up and at six o'clock were on our way home. We reached the car at 10:20 and were home by noon.

We had had a pretty strenuous week.* But it was a joy to see the appreciation of the people to whom we had gone and whom we had helped.

*NOTE: Because of space limitations, descriptions of visits to two other villages which Mr. Parish made during the week between Christmas and New Year's Day had to be omitted from this interesting narrative.—ED.



Christmas Everywhere

Again crowds, carols, pageants, gifts, and a triple wedding feature Christmas celebrations on Baptist mission fields



Christmas Carols Sung in 14 Languages

By Frances M. Priest

THE Detroit Baptist Missionary Society holds each year an International Christmas Vesper Service to which are invited the people of all the Baptist churches and their friends of other national-

ities. We urge especially that volunteers bring their New American friends. In spite of a stormy day and slippery streets, about 400 people gathered at the Northwestern Baptist Church on a Sunday afternoon.

It was thrilling to hear the congregation repeat together the Lord's prayer, each person using his native language; and again, as the service closed, to hear them sing "Silent Night, Holy Night," in 14 different tongues.

Several Polish and Czecho-Slovak Christmas carols were sung by these two bilingual churches, and an international group from Jefferson Avenue Church told of Christmas customs in other lands. After the worship service we had an hour of informal fellowship in the dining-room. An atmosphere of joy and friendliness prevailed throughout the entire meeting.

did not try to camp. But there were 15 tents in one little village, and a happy group of people it was.

It was not very cold and life in the camp was most interesting with the beef hanging outside the tents on poles to dry, children running about having a merry time, and at night the bright stars shining down on the lighted tents, and the light shining out from the little brick church just as the



The Jewel Band in the First Baptist Church of Muskegon, Michigan, had a Merry Christmas

Oklahoma Indian Gifts to California Chinese Boys

By FRANK L. KING

Our Christmas among the Kiowa Indians at Rainy Mountain wasn't so large last year, because the quarantine for a spinal meningitis epidemic was lifted only a few days before. So many

gospel light has shone into the hearts of so many of these dear Indian hearts.

Our Christmas program included a service of carols from many nations, and the Christmas story pictured in pantomime as one Herald (an outstanding Kiowa boy) told it in a clear, ringing voice. With cape flung back and trumpet in hand, he announced the carols and gave a little story of each. As the processional "O come all ye faithful" burst out, the choir and a group of children representing many

nations came in from the rear, and took their seats

on the platform-while tall white tapers gleamed

from the windows. Mary was very sweet as she

looked up to see the angel, and as she watched by

the manger. Joseph was thoughtful and earnest as

he stood by. The three wise men sent a thrill into

our hearts as they entered slowly, reverently, with

great dignity, and laid their gifts at the manger. They

were dressed in colorful Indian blankets and they made the Christmas story very real and vivid to all.

After the service I took a group of girls around

from tent to tent, singing the dear old Christmas

carols which never really grow old. We all love that

part of our Christmas, with the bright stars and the

The beautiful tree made every one glad, and "Joy

to the World" was sung most joyously. The story

of the shepherds, from Luke, was given in Kiowa by some of the older deacons—and after a prayer, songs

in English and in Kiowa were sung. Then came the giving and the testimonies of how the Lord had

helped and kept through the year. Thank offerings

were given for all His loving kindness-for foreign

missions, home missions, the orphan home at

Bacone, the Chung Mei Home for Chinese boys in

California, the church and money toward the new

community house. All was given in a real spirit of

worship and thanksgiving. This was a splendid prel-

shining, as the gifts were given out. Finally the tree

MY HEART is often neavy which visiting in the homes of our families, because

of the dirty, dingy, cluttered streets through which

to pass; the dark and "smelly" corridors in bare

tenement houses; and the cramped and gloomy

quarters in which large families crowd together with very meager household equipment. Here children

are being reared while families try to eke out an

How hopeless it all seems! What incentive have

was dismantled and the people were dismissed.

Little brown faces were radiant and black eyes

ude to the giving of gifts from the tree.

As the Missionary Sees It

Lower New York

By JENNIE ANDERSON

existence, most of them on Relief.

lighted tents, and the people listening inside.

somebody cares!

in South India

they to live differently? How much they need the

encouragement of Christian friends, to feel that

After Christmas, as I came into one of these

homes, a son of the family, a young man about 20

years of age, clasped my hand and said with deep

feeling: "Thank you (meaning the church) for

helping to make our Christmas more cheerful." Each

child attending the church school was given a "love-

token" through the generosity of many friends. We

appreciate these contributions so much because in

several instances the only gifts the children received

were those which came to them through the church.

UNDAY had its Christmas sermon and worship

Service to which a representation of near vil-

lages came to join in the praise and offer their gifts.

They felt it as blessing especially because it was a

Christmas wedding. All six fine upstanding young

people were products of the mission boarding

school. They had come to us as kindergarten tots,

and had spent all their youth under our thatched

roofs. Two of the boys were among the original

orphans of whom we used to write in 1923. One has

now finished high school, and is a teacher in our boarding school. The other two finished middle school, and one has taken teacher training, the other has taken training as a tailor. The girls are active in

Christian Endeavor work. In such young couples lies the hope of Christianity and civilization in

India. The three families shared in the expense of the wedding feast and we also helped. The feast was

good, but not extravagant, so there was none of the

traditional "wedding debt" so common in India,

which puts the family in bondage for the rest of

In the evening a Christmas play, quite grand to

the villagers who had come to see it, was given by

the children and young people. Next morning, at

grey of dawn, the school children, wedding guests

and other folk all started, with their bundles or

boxes over their shoulders or on their heads, to re-

their lives.

turn to their villages.

On Monday we had a beautiful triple wedding.

A Triple Christmas Wedding

By ELIZABETH H. P. OWEN

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The Three Wise Men Come from Three Nations

By A. LEGRAND

T LAST year's Christmas pageant at the First A Baptist Church in Milwaukee, a very remarkable scene caught and held the attention of a church full of worshippers. The usual scenes of wandering pilgrims and shepherds were presented and the travellers had finally found the scene of the Manger. Suddenly to the music of, "We Three Kings of Orient Are," there came three wise men from the back of the church. Every face was alert when in the dimmer light the listeners began to discover that the first wise man was a real son of India, dark skin, black eyes, and wearing a turban. Hardly had this fact been verified when the second wise man of the Orient was seen to be a real son of China. And then a son of the Western world, an American born man, followed these two men from the East. Later, the audience learned that the first wise man was Mokaud Lal Khanna of Kashmir, India, the second, Hussel Wu of Canton, China, and the third, Phil LeGrand of Milwaukee.

The sequel to this scene, in which the three wise men paid tribute to the Christ Child, came several weeks later with the baptism of Mr. Wu. The following letter to Pastor E. L. Dakin proves that the second man was a true worshipper from the East.

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Dear Dr. Dakin:

I am not a talkative person and so I hope you will excuse my not saying much in thanks to you after the Baptismal service. I want to write a few lines to express my appreciation.

Four years ago was the first time I saw you, when you spoke to us at the School of Engineering. Your friendly attitude immediately captured my admiration and respect. I had always wanted to go to your church; but, as a Chinese, I placed this question before me: If I go, shall I be wanted there? Two years ago, I heard that a Chinese Sunday school was established in your church. So I made up my mind to join it. After a brief period, the friendly atmosphere and inspiration of you and the teachers made me realize how empty life was without a true faith. That is why I consecrated my life to God. I found a new life in your church.

Very truly yours, Russell Wu.



Lonely Homes and Neglected Lives

Last year nearly 5,000 Baptists brought Christian friendliness into thousands of lonely homes and neglected lives. This article tells you how they did it, how this unique and helpful ministry was started, and what an opportunity lies ahead of it



T the Christmas season millions of people of all races over wide areas of the earth will pause to dream again of peace and good will. Once more the song of the angels will be

heard. Hearts will respond to the presence of the Prince of Peace. When wrong is often on the throne, when strife and hate prevail, and when

By HUGH A. HEATH

wars and rumors of war terrify, the Christian message will reassure the hearts of all true disciples with the certainty of the final triumph of good will.

The influence of active good will is reaching into new areas of life, and bringing fresh hope to

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many who are lonely, neglected and oppressed. For example, the Department of Christian Friendliness of the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society, reports that in the year 1935-1936, through many varieties of service, 4,907 people served as messengers of Christian friendliness and ambassadors of good will. This large number of volunteers serve without salary and with no reward except the joy of unselfish service. They are giving themselves to a distinct and significant form of missionary work. By the method of friendliness they are bringing the Christian message to peoples of foreign birth or of foreign ancestry. Moreover these volunteer missionaries last year were in direct contact, in a friendly way, with 7.539 homes, bringing sympathy, understanding, and a helpful disinterested ministry.

In this type of ministry 946 churches in the Northern Baptist Convention had a share. Many other churches which did not report are known to be actively engaged in it.

How IT ALL BEGAN

How has this large group of volunteer missionaries been enlisted, inspired and trained for this useful and rewarding work?

In response to an urgent call, the Woman's Society 16 years ago established a Department of



A fine Italian family, all of whose members thoroughly appreciate Christian friendliness

Christian Americanization. Multitudes of people had been coming to America from other lands. The home mission agencies of many denominations had not been wholly neglectful of these strangers. With gratifying success they had sought to preach the gospel in their own tongue.

But the Great War, among other revelations, disclosed that many of these new comers were still strangers in a strange land, ignorant of our traditions, unacquainted with our ways, unfamiliar with our language, living in social and spiritual isolation.

In the spirit of the pioneer the new department entered into a new opportunity, and responded to a new challenge. It called for volunteers to become personal evangelists by entering into friendly relations with people of other nationalities. They visited their homes without pride and without patronage. They taught English to the mothers who were becoming estranged from their own children who had adopted American speech and American ways. They conducted classes for mothers and organized clubs for children. They gave advice where needed, gave sympathy always, and carried on these varied activities in the spirit of Him, whose friendliness crossed all barriers and recognized no racial distinctions.

Thus from a small beginning the service has grown in numbers, in breadth, in significance, and in achievement. Today its ministry is recognized as an important type of home missions, supplementing and conserving the service of Christian centers and foreign language missionaries. To local churches it offers an opportunity and a method for an enlarged ministry. With a secretary in charge, the Department now supports, or shares in the support of 13 district, state and city missionaries, who enlist volunteers, instruct them in practical methods, share with them in the first days of friendly visitation, counsel with them in their difficulties, encourage them in their disappointments and rejoice with them in their successes.

THE FRUITAGE OF FRIENDLINESS

Friendliness is of the spirit and spiritual things are unseen. Much of the fruitage of friendliness appears only to those who have learned to see the things that are invisible. Some six years ago a young woman volunteer called with the missionary at the home of an Italian mother whose name had been secured from a welfare agency of the city. The husband was in jail. There were numerous small children dependent upon the mother for support. The volunteer became a real friend to the family and, wisely, did not attempt to take over the work of the welfare society. The children in the home were invited to the vacation school at the Italian



A cultured Japanese young woman on the Pacific coast who also appreciated Christian friendliness

church. The pastor of the church called in the home, and visited the husband in the jail, giving him a New Testament in Italian. Gradually the whole family became interested in the church. The father was the first of the family to be converted and receive baptism. He is now a respected citizen, coöperating with the mother and the children in making the home Christian.

In a Pacific coast city cultured, wealthy Japanese families have responded graciously to courtesies shown them by Baptist friendliness visitors. All of these families are Buddhists. After the missionary had explained to one of the men that his wife could have help from a friend in learning English, he said "You must be a Christian if you do this."

Instances like this can be multiplied many times from the records of the department. They are illustrative of the value and effectiveness of the movement begun 16 years ago and carried on patiently and persistently by the department created for the purpose.

The years have been a time not only of growing achievement, but also of wise experimentation. It has been a period of "learning how," of discovering the best method by wise adaptation and patient trial. The successes, and sometimes the lack of success, have revealed that much more is needed than the enlistment and training of individuals for the promotion of active good will. The task is a responsibility of the whole church, including all of its departments.

AN ENLARGING OPPORTUNITY

In recognition of that the department three years ago began a new method of service, known as the "Christian Friendliness Project." Baptist churches, both English-speaking and bilingual, in a given area, usually an association or city, undertake the study of their respective neighborhoods, ascertaining what people are being influenced through the activities of the church, determining what people are being neglected, and attempting to measure the responsibility of the local church to all the people in the parish. When these studies have been made, and the information tabulated, representatives from each church come together for one evening each week for five weeks. They study the meaning of Christian Friendliness. By prayer and sympathetic discussion they discover relationships by which the people of all classes and all national backgrounds may share their gifts in everyday life and service.

Seven of these Christian Friendliness Projects have been carried through in four states. The results have exceeded the expectation of the leaders. It is a thing of value when a group of Christians meets to share experiences and measure

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responsibilities. It is particularly valuable when the members of the group have an earnest desire to do larger things in a finer way under the leadership of the Spirit of Christ. In each of these projects already held, hundreds of people, many of them leaders in their churches, including nearly all the pastors in the different areas, have thus studied together.

There has often been humble confession of ignorance and failure. Frequently the representatives of the churches have acknowledged that they have been blind to human need and opportunity as these exist within some of the racial groups. But in addition to these confessions there has everywhere been manifest an earnest longing to find a truly Christian way of making helpful contacts.

The movement thus initiated continues after the days of the project are over. The group comes together occasionally to report progress and to encourage one another in difficult situations. The borders of fellowship are widened. There is a deepening sense of essential brotherhood. Members of English speaking churches have found real friends among people of other language groups and have discovered that these new friends have much to give that enriches life.

Many make the discovery that Christian Friendliness is not a matter of giving, but of sharing. This discovery puts all the activities of the Christian and of the church on higher ground, and gives a fresh and growing radiance to Christian experience.

FROM AMERICANIZATION TO FRIENDLINESS

When in 1920 the Woman's Home Mission Society entered this new field, it named the new organization, "Department of Christian Americanization." It seemed at that time an adequate name. But not only do "new occasions teach new duties," but they also call for new vocabularies. Now that immigration is so greatly restricted, the home mission enterprise is increasingly concerned with the second and third generations of New Americans. Naturally they resent the implications of the term "Americanization."

Therefore what is more natural than a new name for this young and growing department? So it is now the "Department of Christian Friendliness," a name which properly describes the work being done. The new name suggests an answer to the craving for friendship found within the church and out of it. It reminds one of the Lord Jesus, for it breathes His spirit, and emphasizes His method.

Here is a type of missionary service worthy of the hearty cooperation of all our organizations and especially of the local churches. Already city mission societies and state conventions are becoming interested. Some are actively cooperating in the service and in sharing the expense. They are finding this a valuable and necessary supplement to what they have long been doing through bilingual churches and missions. It is most helpful in the transition from the bilingual to the English-speaking church. It suggests for all of us the cultivation of Christian friendliness for those whom we have long looked upon as aliens. It is enriching the experience and enlarging the fellowship of those who already engage in it and who as friends of Christ, work for "mutual understanding, active good will and Christian fellowship among individuals and groups of all national backgrounds."



Two missionary volunteers in Christian friendliness and two Armenian friends

* PERSONALITIES



Gabriel K. Hernandez



Helen F. Topping



Oscar L. Swanson



Don Jose Hernandez

She Directed Kagawa's Itinerary

THE EFFICIENT HANDLING OF TOYOHIKO KAGAWA'S AMAZING ITINERARY through the United States last winter and spring so that no appointment was missed, was the subject of frequent favorable comment. Only the earliest engagements had to be canceled and that was because the United States Health Department had detained the celebrated Japanse evangelist at Angels Island. (See Missions, March 1936, page 156.) Who was responsible for this itinerating efficiency? The question was often asked and it may now be answered. It was Miss Helen F. Topping, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Henry Topping for 32 years missionaries in Japan, and sister of Willard E. Topping now serving under the Baptist Foreign Board at Himeji, Japan. Miss Topping herself served in Japan as a missionary under the Woman's Foreign Board from 1912-1913. From 1913-1918 she served with the Y.W.C.A. Since 1929 she has been on Kagawa's staff as translator, editor, publisher and organizer. Kagawa has returned to Japan but Miss Topping is in the United States engaged in organizing Kagawa Fellowship groups. She plans to return to Japan next year.

He Was Honored by Two Kings

DR. O. L. SWANSON, WHO RETURNED HOME ON FURLOUGH FROM ASSAM last summer, holds the distinction of having been honored by the present King Edward VIII of England and also by the King's father, the late King George V. On the occasion of the latter's Jubilee in May, 1935, Dr. Swanson was awarded the Jubilee Silver Medal. Last July King Edward awarded him the Kaisar-i-Hind medal for "distinguished public service in India." He is thus the 28th Baptist missionary to have been so honored by a British sovereign, and the first by King

Edward. Dr. Swanson first sailed for Assam in July, 1893. He arrived in America in July, 1936, thus completing 43 years of missionary service. Among the choice treasures that he brought back with him and which the Editor of Missions was privileged to examine, is a beautifully leather bound book of 206 pages filled with tributes from fellow missionaries, Assamese preachers, teachers, and officials. Most of them are written in exquisitely beautiful penmanship in native characters. Another treasure is an engraved silver plate given him by "the Christian Association of the Assam Valley and the Assam Baptist Convention." Yet above all these honors and tributes that will bring increasing satisfaction to Dr. Swanson in the remaining years of life, is the high privilege that he had of seeing thousands of men and women in the hills and valleys transformed in body and soul through the power of the gospel that he brought to Assam.

The Distinguished Son of a Worthy Father

THE FAMILIAR ADAGE, "LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON," finds a good illustration in the Philippine Islands where Don Jose Hernandez, a successful business man in Capiz, is treasurer of the Baptist church and a member of the finance committee of the Philippine Baptist Convention. Dr. Frederick W. Meyer who sends the photograph, writes of him that "he is a true gentleman of God, one of the best, east and west of Suez." A man of thoroughly evangelistic spirit, he has won his whole household as members of the Capiz church. Thus Mr. Hernandez can truly say with Joshua of old, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." His son, Hon. Gabriel K. Hernandez, former Capiz Sunday school superintendent and president of the Christian Endeavor Society, is now Governor of the Capiz Province. Maintaining

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regular attendance at the Capiz church and Bible class, he is one of the rising Filipino Baptist leaders and Vice-President of the Philippine Baptist Convention. Former U. S. Governor General Murphy considered young Hernandez' administration as governor one of the best in the Philippine Islands,

which was confirmed by new Philippine President Manuel Quezon in a recent speech. "So the son," concludes Dr. Meyer, "follows the father as a real Christian leader. What greater pleasure can we missionaries see in life than such a true response to the obligations of leadership for Christ."



WE ARE AGREED

A strong and significant statement of the missionary motive for today

WE are agreed in our view of the gravity of the present world situation. We look upon a world shaken to its foundation, a world in which forces of greed and hate and divisiveness have run amuck. We are deeply concerned lest these forces remain out of control and hurl society back into an age of darkness from which it will take centuries to emerge.

We are agreed in finding Jesus Christ to be the key to the meaning of life and of the universe. We discover in Him the truth about the nature of ultimate reality. We regard Him not merely as a great teacher but as the self-revelation of the very heart of God. Any lesser gospel we regard as inadequate to sustain a Christian world movement.

We are agreed in our conviction about the unique and universal significance of Jesus Christ. What He means to us we hold He may mean to all men everywhere. Gratefully recognizing the important values to be found in other religions, and eagerly desiring to cooperate with all men of spiritual insight, we are persuaded that in conscious fellowship with God as revealed in Christ and commitment to His purposes lies the pathway to the highest life.

We are agreed in regarding evangelism—the witness to what Christ means to us—as the heart of our missionary task. We believe in an evangelism of both word and deed. While we regard the testimony of life as the decisive thing, without which any words will be weak and futile, we are convinced that a true understanding and acceptance of the significance of Jesus Christ for the world is the foundation of all

the beneficent influences that flow from the missionary movement.

We are agreed in holding that Christian missions looks toward the creation of a world society permeated in every aspect of its life by the spirit of Jesus Christ. That society is to be one in which love prevails, breaking down divisive barriers between nation and nation, race and race, class and class.

We are agreed that if there is to be such a world fellowship it must be built upon Jesus Christ as the cornerstone. If spiritual forces are to prevail over the forces of selfish materialism, it will be because the world finds in Jesus Christ the supreme redeeming force in history.

We are agreed in our conviction as to the central importance of the church. While heirs to different historic forms of church organization, we are one in regarding the Church, as truly the "Body of Christ," the great fellowship binding together across the ages all those who have found in Christ the true meaning of life, and carrying forward His spirit and purpose from generation to generation."

The above statement embodying the claims of the Christian religion in the world situation of today is a joint statement by the following: E. Stanley Jones, K. S. Latourette, J. A. Mackay, F. J. McConnell, Basil Mathews, F. P. Miller, William Paton, H. Van Dusen, L. A. Weigle, and A. L. Warnshuis. It is published as the Foreword in the new book *The Christian Message for the World Today*, and is reprinted here by permission of the publisher, The Round Table Press. See book announcement on page 626.

WE ARE THROUGH with JAZZ and CROONING

Baptist youth are going forward with a program of Christian Social Action and with other Christian youth in building a new world

By EDITH M. LERRIGO

In THE great Red Square in Moscow, with their arms stretched forward in the Soviet salute, Russian youth chant, "We are changing the world. We are changing the world." In truth they are, in a united effort under the communist regime. It demands and is receiving their steadfast allegiance and sacrificial devotion.

For years adult leadership in America has taken quiet note of Russia, Germany, Italy and Japan. While frankly deprecating the ideals set before youth in these lands, it has devoutly wished that the young people of our nation might be similarly united in a movement of genuinely Christian purpose and idealism. But American young people were apparently indifferent about the world they had inherited. They were interested in ballyhoo, jazz and crooning. Their common expressions were "hooey," "applesauce" and "oh yeah?"

Today, however, America has a youth movement -and it is a Christian youth movement! Moreover, it is a movement calling for and receiving the devotion and concern of the outstanding young people of the day. It began in 1934 when the Christian Youth Council of North America met at Lake Geneva. Wisconsin. The young people there gathered looked about them and saw the world in which they were living-unstable, confused and troubled. They saw their nation with its millions of unemployed and its bitter racial and class strife. They saw their own communities lacking the necessary facilities for giving to growing young people the needed preparation for life, work, marriage and citizenship. They came to the conclusion that practically everything in the world needed changing. Therefore they began to talk about "Christian Youth Building a New World."

Furthermore, these young people looked into their own hearts and realized that if there is to be a new world there must be a new person, a new home, a new church. The conclusion voiced in their statement was inevitable: "We are determined, so



far as possible, to live henceforth as if the Kingdom were now here. For us there is no alternative. We give ourselves, and we invite others to join in Christian youth building a new world."

Thus the Christian Youth Movement was launched. For two years young people all over the United States and Canada have been studying the vital areas of living summed up under nine major heads which deal with every modern problem, such as Christian living, the religious needs of others, liquor control, world peace, race relations, marriage and the home life.

Our own Baptist young people are a part of this great youth movement. Last year under the auspices of the Northern Baptist Convention, conferences were held in 21 great centers throughout the country. Young people came together under vigorous leadership to discuss these problems and to express their convictions. Recommendations were formulated, but as Christian young people they are not content with a mere paper program. These high resolves must be put into action.

Accordingly, this year Baptist Youth Conferences will be held again, and the study and discussion will center around the five areas discussed last year which offer most promise of immediate action:

PERSONAL RELIGIOUS LIVING

THE HOME AND PREPARATION FOR MARRIAGE,
THE CHURCH

SOCIAL ISSUES: THE LIQUOR PROBLEM, AND CREATING A CHRISTIAN ECONOMIC ORDER

WORLD OUTREACH: WORLD PEACE, AND MISSIONS

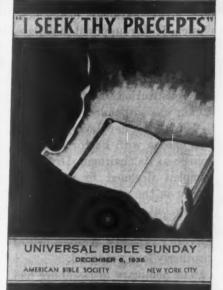
A practical program of action for local groups and for individuals will be the outgrowth of each conference. Our Baptist young people will return home from these gatherings with enthusiasm and inspiration to go forward under the leadership of God in Christian action. They will know just how to begin and what are the first steps to take. They will know, too, that as they undertake these tasks, large and small, they are not alone but are united with a great host of American young people who as Christian disciples refuse to be outdone by the followers of atheistic communism.

FACTS AND FOLKS

In a community survey of Rankin, Pennsylvania, classes in sociology in the University of Pittsburgh made a study of juvenile delinquency. The study revealed that the rate of juvenile delinquency in Rankin Borough was very much lower than that of the county in which Rankin is located, and lower than that of the county's principal city, Pittsburgh. In Rankin, the average rate of reported delinquents was estimated at 3.8 per year per thousand of children between the ages of 10 and 16 years. In Pittsburgh the average rate was more than 8 per thousand, and in Allegheny County more than 12 for the same years. In the opinion of the graduate student who made this study, the presence of the Rankin Christian Center was an important factor in causing this low rate, because of its ministry in developing wholesome child-life in an industrial community.

Nearly 5,000 Patients were treated in the several departments of the Iloilo Mission Hospital, Iloilo, P. I., during the past year. The treatments totalled 23,785. Dr. H. S. Waters writes: "We are not forgetting the spirit that lies back of all mission enterprise."

Baptist Church membership throughout the world is reported to be over 12,000,000. Of this number 365,807 are reported on mission fields of Northern Baptists News brevities reported from all over the world



The first Sunday in December is again suggested as Bible Sunday. To every evangelical pastor in the United States the Society sent a copy of the new booklet, The Bible in a Time of Confusion, by Bishop Paul B. Kern. If any Baptist pastor has not received it, apply directly to the Bible Society, Park Avenue and 57th Street, New York City, for a complimentary copy

where 16,000 were added during the calendar year 1935.

More than 2,000 men and women gathered for the annual meeting of the All Burma Baptist Convention. Crowds were turned away because room could not be found for them in the College Chapel. Many nationalities united in that great meeting in the name

of Christ. What promise for the future of Christianity in Burma!

The American Baptist Year Book for 1937 is now being prepared for publication. In the interests of accuracy it is important that every pastor have his correct address filed in his State Convention office. All pastors who have made a change in pastorate within the past year are requested to see that record is made promptly.

Rangoon recently had 23 inches of rain in one month! So reports a missionary in Rangoon, Burma. Through the port of Rangoon passes more rice than through any other port in the world. Rangoon is also said to be the largest passenger port in the world, the bulk of immigration being the coolie labor from India.

Baccalaureate Sunday last June was a big event in Suifu, West China, with 407 graduates from the various Baptist educational institutes in the city, including primary, junior and senior schools, women's and nurses' training schools and Monroe Academy. The commencement address was delivered by Principal Den of Monroe Academy who spoke on "The Christian Spirit in New China." Missionary Chester F. Wood reports that most of the young people in these schools come from substantial families in West China and many became Christians during the year.

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NEWS

THE WORLD OF MISSIONS

A monthly digest from letters and reports of field correspondents

Recent Developments in Germany

Reported by W. O. LEWIS

IN SPITE of hard times, the Baptists of Germany raised more money for their work in the year just closed than in the preceding year. The inspiration from the Baptist World Congress in Berlin in 1934 and the special effort made in connection with the 100th anniversary of Oncken's baptism, helped to make this possible.

During the last two years, a vigorous evangelistic campaign has been carried on in which several colporter wagons and gospel tents have been used. At the end of 1935, there were 71,532 members in the churches of the German Baptist Union.

Two recent developments deserve to be chronicled, the change in the general organization of the Union and the construction of two new buildings for the Theological Seminary.

The general form of the organization was made more democratic at the 29th Triennial Conference held August 29 to September 2. The general atmosphere of this conference was quite different from that in 1933. That was soon after the beginning of the Hitler régime in Germany. Then it was believed the Government would force all Protestants to come into one great national evangelical church. It was supposed that Baptists and the other free churches would be obliged to come in "under the one roof." So the regular constitution of the Baptist Union was suspended.

This year a new board of seven was chosen with Pastor F. Rockschiess as its chairman. Dr. F. W. Simoleit declined to serve any longer in the general work of the Union, but was made an honorary member of the new board with advisory capacity. A fine spirit of brotherly love prevailed.

The Seminary in Hamburg had lost part of its property, but now has newer and better equipment than before. During Oncken's time a school for the training of preachers was maintained in the First Baptist Church in Hamburg. In

1887 a beautiful seminary building was erected in the suburbs of Hamburg. American Baptists helped their German brethren to acquire this property. It was soon found that this building was too small and another building was erected.

Last year one of the new doubletrack concrete highways in Germany was built across the Seminary property. This took one third of the ground and involved tearing down of the older building. With the money received as indemnity, the Seminary acquired a little more ground and erected a new building and a chapel.

Ten Denominations at This Vacation School

Ten denominations were represented by the 147 children who enrolled in the Daily Vacation Bible School conducted by Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Cutler, missionary colporters in charge of the chapel car "Messenger of Peace." The school was held during the summer at the Baptist Church in Clarkston, Washington, while the chapel car stood on a railroad siding. There were 24 Baptist children, 43 Methodists, 29 Disciples, 12 Presbyterians, 2 Adventists, 4 United Brethren, 6 Lutherans and 2 from the Church of God. One child registered as being affiliated with the Salvation Army and one was a Roman Catholic. Seven children recorded no church affiliation. Average attendance was 104, while 125 was the high record. The children made 283 pieces of handwork. In his daily talks to the school Mr. Cutler used illustrations from Missions. The entire cost was \$27.51, all of it financed by the Clarkston Baptist Church. Rev. L. M. Darnell is pastor.



The new Theological Seminary dormitories {left} and chapel {center} at Hamburg, Germany. The two new buildings replace the old buildings which stood at the right of the third building in the picture and which were demolished because one of Mr. Hitler's new automobile highways cut across the property

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The Daily Vacation Bible School at Clarkston, Wash., in which children of 10 different denominations were enrolled

Another Japanese Church Attains Self-Support

You will not be able to read the Japanese language printed on this page. So Missions publishes an English translation. It reports the attainment of self-support for the First Baptist Church of Yodogawa, Japan. The letter was received at Foreign Mission Headquarters early in the summer.

There are 35 organized Baptist churches in Japan and the Yodogawa church is the 19th to attain self-support.

To The American Baptist Foreign Mission Society New York City, U. S. A.

Dear Fellow Workers in Christ:

Through the gracious guidance of God, our church has been led to assume self-support from this month.

For the past five years, it was through your most kindly support sent through the Japan Baptist Convention, that we were able to make this growth and to enjoy this wonderful privilege of to-day. As we meet together in thanksgiving, we with unanimous vote, wish especially to send our most sincere gratitude to you and to express our desire that we may continue to enjoy with you ever closer relation in the service of the Lord.

May Christ, the Saviour of all mankind, bless you richly in your work forever.

Gratefully yours,

The Yodogawa Baptist Church, Sabrow Yasumura, Pastor Shuhei Yamamoto, Deacon Chumei Suzuki, Treasurer



The letter of gratitude from the Yodogawa Baptist Church in Japan. See translation above

Rev. Joseph Novotny, pastor of the Czecho-Slovak Baptist churches in New York City and Yonkers, N. Y., and professor in the International Baptist Seminary in East Orange, N. J., reports that these two congregations paid more than four times their missionary quota to the budget of the Northern Baptist Convention. There are ten Czecho-Slovak Baptist churches in the East and only two—in New York City and Yonkers—have the care of a pastor or missionary.

Christmas

A Christmas Prayer

OUR Heavenly Father, who hast mercifully and patiently led us through the busy year, giving us more than we have deserved or even desired, give us at this Christmas time some share in the grace of Jesus Christ. Let the gracious spirit of Jesus, the spirit of the little child, as it knocks today at the hearts of men, enter our lives and bless them; that duty may become touched with beauty, and justice be forgotten in love.

At other times we ask that we may do our task with consecration and patience; today we ask for more: that obligation may be changed to opportunity, and duty done with joy.

At other times we ask that we may walk uprightly: today we pray for grace to bow ourselves to others' needs. Let our hearts hear the cry of the needy, and our hearts feel the love of the unlovely. Give our hands strength, not to do great things, but to do small things graciously. Let our gifts today be, not a sacrifice, but a privilege.

Let us accept kindness with humility. Heal the wounds of misunderstanding, jealousy, or regret, that scar our hearts; and let the gentler air of the Christmas spirit touch our lives, as though the cold of winter were touched by the kindlier breath of spring.

As the old year ends, and the new year begins, grant us peace with the world, and peace in our own hearts, that those we love, and those whom we may help, may have sweet joy and rest; and the grace of Jesus Christ be in us all. Amen.—Francis G. Peabody, in The Bible Society Record.

Christmas Scripture

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all peoples.—Luke 2:30-31.

I came that they may have life, and have it more abundantly.—John 10:10.

Christmas Thoughts

At this beckoning season, may the gentleness of the Prince of Peace touch us to a more considerate helpfulness for all humanity—for little children and for the lonely aged; for the poor and needy and underprivileged and discouraged; for those who keep punctual tryst with grief and wakeful vigil with pain; for those whose faith falters in the midst of mysterious providences; for those who watch with wearied eyes for ships that do not arrive.—George W. Truett.

Christmas is not merely the anniversary of the birth of a person, it is the outbreak into reality of a new life. It is not enough to say that on that first Christmas Day the historical character, Jesus Christ, was born. For His birth was not simply that of a person, it was the beginning on earth and in humanity of a new and continuing thing, the Christian life.—D. A. McGregor, in *The Living Church*.

The Church has never long forgotten that her Lord was a poor man. Never elsewhere has poverty been so fruitful as the poverty of Jesus. His poverty has enriched the spiritual life of mankind immeasurably, and has inspired relief and restoration of unnumbered multitudes of the oppressed or downcast by His more favored followers. All Christians are constantly mindful that their religion is the religion of a homeless wanderer. For His sake all homeless wanderers are their brethren.—R. H. Stafford.

With what refreshing power and joy the Christian hope comes to our hearts today. Even as the clouds darken we see breaking over the hills of time the radiance of the coming dawn when there will be no more wars, and peace and righteousness shall flourish to the remotest bounds of the earth. But we have no illusions about the part that man will play in the consummation of that great work. The best efforts of man are not enough. The only peace that can come to men and nations is the peace that comes through Jesus Christ.—The Evangelical Christian.

Ap Gift

No costly treasure in my hand I bring
To Thee, my King.
I have no myrrh, no frankincense nor gold,
No casket that doth precious gems enfold,
But this one thing—
I offer Thee myself and every day
To serve my fellow men in any way
As I find need. Accept my gift, I pray.
My service is the treasure that I bring
To Thee, my King.
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Denominational Day Goes the Way of all Flesh

THERE will be no Denominational Day next February. The General Council has abolished the day and has discharged the committee that heretofore prepared the annual message. Apparently not enough churches emphasized Denominational Day to justify its continuance. For example, two years ago in a Pacific Coast city only three out of 60 churches were reported to have observed it. (See Missions, May, 1935, page 258.) If that is typical of the entire Convention area, the Council's action is understandable.

So a day that has been scheduled for many years is dropped out of the Baptist calendar. It goes the way of all flesh. If 7,000 churches now wish to devote a Sunday in considering the history and principles of Baptists, they must do so independently and not cooperatively, haphazardly rather than unitedly, at the personal inclination of their pastors instead of in a coordinated program.

There is pathos here; there is also ironical inconsistency. At the same meeting when this action was taken, the General Council appointed a committee for conference with the Disciples denomination. And with it went an unrecorded admonition, similar to a gentlemen's agreement, that in all conferences with the Disciples there must be no thought of union. What could be more inconsistent? If we have not enough denominational loyalty left to devote one Sunday in the year to our faith and principles as Baptists, why be so fearful over the prospect of eventual merger with the Disciples? Perhaps they also have experienced a waning denominational loyalty and are in a mood to consider more objectively what they have with us in common.

On the other hand, to abolish Denominational Day may have far-reaching constructive values. The passing of sectarian loyalty and the increasing indifference to special days for emphasizing religious exclusiveness may evidence a trend toward a growing Christian inclusiveness of all followers of Christ. Perhaps it means also that Baptists are realizing that the spiritual freedom which they have so long associated with John Bunyan, Balthaser Hubmaier, Roger Williams and other Baptist pioneers, is no longer their monopolistic heritage. Religious liberty is also a cherished principle of other Christians. They would fight for it as zealously as did our Baptist forefathers.

Some Baptists will doubtless view the passing of Denominational Day with disquieting regret; others will hail it as a step toward a better understanding of what all denominations have in common.

Can a Nation Be Born Again When It Is Old?

In THE opening message of the National Preaching Mission, the historic question of Nicodemus was applied to America by the distinguished missionary, E. Stanley Jones. And he answered it as follows:

Can a nation be born again when it is old? Yes, both the nation and the individual can. A new reformation, a new regeneration, could remake the inner life of our nation, give it a new goal and a new motivation. The hour for the beginning of that new reformation has come. Whether the Christian forces of this land have enough of moral and spiritual power to bring it to pass remains to be seen. We have the boldness to believe that we have. This National Preaching Mission is a symbol of that faith. But if we do bring about this national regeneration, we

know that all of us will have to undergo a spiritual rebirth to prepare us for this larger task.

We shall therefore ask for definite moral and spiritual change. We shall ask it of everybody from the President of these United States down to the humblest citizen. We shall ask it of our legislators and of the people who must obey the laws they make. We shall ask it of the university president as we would ask it of the freshmen and the high school lads and the boys and girls in our schools. We shall ask it of the heads of business concerns and of the employees that work with them. We shall ask it of the society woman and the shop girl in the store. We shall ask it of the blasé, fed-up scion of privilege and power, the up and outs, as well as the down and outs in the gutter. We shall ask it of the minister in the pulpit and of the man in the pew. We shall ask it of others and we shall seek it for ourselves.

And we shall preach for a verdict. For our society and our souls are desperately sick, and the sickness is unto a living death, far worse than a death that would be once and for all. In Jesus Christ, we believe we have the power to say that life-giving word.

Since September 13th, the National Preaching Mission has been moving across the country. It has preached an adequate gospel and has preached the gospel adequately. Only five cities out of the original 25 remain to be visited. In the 20 thus far visited, the response has far exceeded anticipations. The largest auditoriums have been filled. Interest in women's meetings, men's conferences, and youth gatherings has been most gratifying. Newspapers furnished generous space in the news columns and gave splendid editorial support. In some cities the mission brought out the largest attendance of ministers in the history of the communities.

In spite of these glowing reports, the National Preaching Mission may fail. And if it fails, it will be because American Christians have become so hardened to the individual sins, social wrongs, and international injustices of our time as to be beyond hope of spiritual recovery. So during the next weeks the impact of local preaching missions in hundreds of communities and the presence or absence of spiritual quickening in the life of the churches will measure the success of this united effort for the rebirth of America.

There could be no better time of year in which to conserve the results of these meetings and utilize their spiritual power than the season just ahead when we commemorate the birth of Him who came that men and nations might be reborn and might have new life.

Lukewarm Baptist Support for an American Ideal

IN HIS proclamation concerning American Education Week, President Roosevelt summarized as the ideal of American education:

An opportunity for all of our people to obtain the education that will best fit them for their life work and their responsibilities as citizens, is the ideal of American education. Time and experience have demonstrated that universal education is essential to national progress.

In so far as that ideal includes higher education, it seems to receive only lukewarm support by Northern Baptists. Their interests in college education for their young people is deplorably weak. A recent survey in a large state in the middle west revealed that Congregationalists had one student in college for every 26 church members, Presbyterians had one student for every 30 members, Methodists had one for every 46 members, while Baptists had only one college student for every 73 members in that state. That these figures for one state are typical seem to be confirmed by Dr. F. C. Wilcox, former principal of the Francis Shimer Junior College. In a survey of 12 north-central states, he found also the Lutherans ahead of Baptists.

Last December only 22 Baptist churches out of nearly 7,000 had sent requests to Dr. F. W. Padelford for material for the observance of Baptist Education Day. Is that a reflection on Baptist intelligence, a commentary on their indifference, or an indictment of their failure to recognize the need of trained leadership in this age of confusion and strain?

The first Sunday in December is again suggested as Baptist Education Sunday. (See back cover of last month's Missions.) The importance of improving on last year's observance is obvious.

Financial recovery in America has now reached the colleges which report increased enrolment, restoration of teaching positions, additional equipment, and larger freshman classes. Baptists should share in this widening ministry of education. They have an obligation to furnish educated citizens to the life of America. And they

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need to remember always that the trained Baptist ministers and missionaries of tomorrow must come from the colleges of today.

Editorial & Comment

In Madison Square Garden last December, 20,000 persons witnessed a prize fight between Negro Joe Louis and the Basque woodchopper Paulino Uzcudun. According to the description in The New York Times, "with a single solid blow the Negro split the left side of Paulino's face, ripped his upper lip and lacerated the inside of his mouth. The man from the Pyrenees sank in his tracks, stretching full length on the canvass near his own corner." The frenzied crowd had paid admission fees of \$128,394. How many more people listened in over the radio cannot be estimated. "The battle was staged," continued The Times, "for the benefit of the Christmas Fund of The New York American and The Evening Journal" (Hearst papers). So that is how 20,000 people in New York and probably a million more across the country celebrated Christmas a year ago! Its paganism is not far removed from that of the recently reported bull fight in Spain in which six bulls were killed before a crowd of 20,000 Spaniards of all classes. The six fights between bulls and matadors were staged for the benefit of the Red Cross!

Two additional facts about this year's Christmas trade, which is discussed on page 584, have a heartening significance. There has been an increase of 16% in orders for toys. This not only gives further evidence of financial recovery, but reveals also that the heart of childhood is to be made glad in more generous measure. The other fact is the marked decline in military toys. In a recent exhibition of toys known as the Toy Fair, arranged annually to stimulate orders, which was the largest display since 1929, only 1% of the models were concerned with military activities. That is quite contrary to the toy situation in Germany where it is reported that this year's military toy sets are so realistic as to include bandaged soldiers, ambulances and field hospitals.

♦ Several recent appointments of former foreign missionaries to important positions at home prove again that previous missionary experience is an asset and not a liability in seeking opportunities for service in America. Thus Dr. L. C. Kitchen, formerly missionary in Bengal-Orissa, in October became President of the Baptist Institute in Philadelphia. Rev. H. E. Hinton, who literally made his own place in Mandalay, Burma, no longer necessary by train-

ing Burmese to do what he had been doing as principal of the High School, is now Director of Promotion in Connecticut. Dr. W. L. Ferguson, for 32 years a missionary in India, has succeeded Dr. George B. Taft, who also had been a missionary, as President of the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Chicago. Moreover, for the first time in its history all the secretaries on the staff of the Foreign Mission Society, both at headquarters and in field service, are former missionaries. The denomination has every reason for satisfaction in that young men appointed to missionary service have been of such high caliber as later to experience no difficulty in entering upon important service at home when health or other reasons compelled return from the field.

♦ October recorded the death of two of the best known leaders among Northern Baptists. Dr. Bruce Kinney died on October 15th in Cleveland, Ohio. He had retired from the staff of the Home Mission Society after 50 years of denominational service. Mrs. George W. Coleman, after a long illness, died on October 22nd in Boston, Mass. For 50 years she had been actively identified with the Woman's Home Mission Society, serving as its President from 1921 to 1928. The gracious personality and wise leadership of Mrs. Coleman and the vigorous spirit and indefatigable devotion of Dr. Kinney, each in its own unique way, had made a half-century contribution to the cause of home missions. Tributes to their service will appear in the January issue.

THE GREAT DELUSION

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SANTA CLAUS AND ALCOHOL

THE Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board at Harrisburg requested liquor dealers in Pennsylvania to refrain from using pictures of Santa Claus or his name in liquor advertising during the Christmas season. The Board's statement reads:

Santa Claus has since time immemorial been associated with children, and it is for the best interests of the industry that its advertisements should in no way associate the children's saint with alcoholic liquids.

Note the devastating irony. It is "for the best interests of the industry," and not for the best interests of the children!

Many people who voted for repeal never dreamed that their children would be taught by the liquor traffic to identify Santa Claus with drunkenness.

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Five Theologs Who Lived in a Shed

The story of five students in the Andover-Newton Theological School who spent several weeks last summer on a Massachusetts farm in a study of the rural church and the rural task of home missions

By COE HAYNE



Interior of the shed on the farm of Professor Austin P. Guiles which served as a dormitory, living room and library for five students of the Andover-Newton Theological School

FIVE Baptist students from the Andover-Newton Theological School last summer lived in a carriage shed on a farm near Sterling, Massachusetts. They wanted to know from actual experience the condition of the farmer on his farm, and how best can the rural church serve the farmer.

Willingly they donned work clothes and labored five hours every day on farms. They lived simply in camp style, prepared their meals and cared for their quarters. Their farm labor covered the cost of food, fuel and lights. From this base they operated in an intensive study of rural church and farm conditions.

The five students were Emmet Braselton of Georgia, Lee Burton of Montana, Ernest Fisher and Albert Phillips of Massachusetts and Mat-

thew Turnbull of Scotland (later of Nebraska). Their constant teacher-companions were Dr. Austin P. Guiles, professor of pastoral psychology in the Andover-Newton Theological School, Dr. Kenneth C. MacArthur, pastor of the Federated Church of Sterling, Massachusetts, and Rev. Ellsworth M. Smith, former instructor in rural work in Andover-Newton Theological School and now director of field work in the Home Mission Society's Department of Town and Country. Dr. MacArthur offered the use of his parish where the five young men, in a way, served as his assistants. Professor Guiles provided living quarters for them in a carriage shed on his farm. The five students in question went through the summer's experience not as ministers but as farmers in a genuine effort to discover how rural

ministers may assist the farmers, to sense the dignity of their vocation, and to make the largest possible contribution to the spiritual growth of their communities.

Five hours every day, except on Saturday and Sunday, were spent working on farms, the activ-

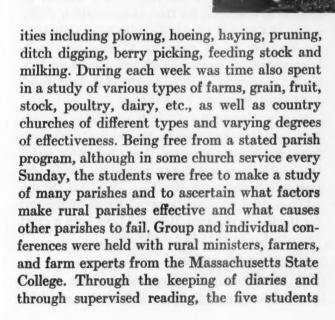


The last entry in the diary of one of the students (see page 612) refers to his backache. The three pictures on this page easily account for it

sought to relate the study of rural problems with their findings in field experience. The following extracts from their diaries will be of interest.

SUNDAY. Pat McConnell (Professor Charles M. McConnell of Boston University) gave an inspirational talk on rural life. His theme was that in the country we are next to God, so we must learn his laws. We are of the universe as well as in it. Mrs. Hilda L. Ives, president of the New England Town and Country Church Commission, gave a poetical talk on the mystical nature of scenery and life in the country, with many illustrations from her observations of rural life, connecting them with Scripture. One must be called to rural work and love the country in order to do the most for it. In the evening a picnic supper; afterward a simple, quiet yet impressive communion service about the dying embers of

AT THE TOP: Two students pitching hay. CENTER: Professor Guiles laying out the day'swork. BOTTOM: On the way through the lane to the farm





the camp fire, two of our group serving as deacons. This was a fitting close to our first day together.

Monday. Pulled grass and weeds from rows of corn, reminding me of churches and new members. At first one cannot tell who are and who are not



The five students having an outdoor conference with their three instructors

genuine Christians. But just as corn grows stronger, taller and finally bears fruit while the grass and weeds remain small and weak, so it is with church members. The real thing continues and bears fruit. Like plants Christians need care and nourishment. In the evening L—— and I were alone and we got to talking. He told me of his conversion and call experiences and his getting an education. This talking together is helpful. We fellows should be quite a help to each other as we live and work together.

TUESDAY. We began digging a ditch for a drain pipe. They say this work is good for muscles, but my back will not let me forget that I strained it when in high school. At first I did not like the work, but soon I got so that I actually liked it. I like to see the hole get deeper as a result of our work. As the sun was setting behind Mt. Machusett, Dr. MacArthur gave an interesting lecture on John Frederick Oberlin. It was amazing to hear of the things that this man did almost 200 years ago in his parish of several rural churches in Alsace. This evening, before we went to bed, we had a devotional period with quiet time, prayer and sharing experiences. This sort of thing gets us honest with each other and clears up any misunderstandings that might arise during the day.

Wednesday. We continued in the ditch, but not so vigorously as yesterday. My back sure did ache today and I got so much more tired than yesterday. Now I can sympathize with the C.C.C. and the W.P.A. boys. This evening I began reading the life of John Frederick Oberlin. He certainly was a man who lived ahead of his time, a man inspired and one who carried his inspiration into living.

THURSDAY. I found myself today in a thick growth of shrubbery, trees, and ferns—about me a divine

quietness. The land went down and down, and the growth became thicker and thicker. The place was full of mountain laurel, the most beautiful wild flower I have ever seen. There were several varieties of trees, and here and there were pine groves of various sizes. Many places on the side of the hill were boggy and swampy, due to the presence of springs and thick layers of decayed vegetation on the ground. The ferns were thick. Many times I had to stop and look, or rather stand in awe of the wonderful things I was seeing. I think I have never done that so much before. I could not help it. I was alone in God's beauty. A creek sprang up before me out of nowhere. It looked clear and cool, running swiftly on its way. I gazed about me at this spot which was so beautifully wild. Feeling myself alone with God, I tried to tell Him that I wanted to amount to something for Him, to be unselfish, really a man of Christ. I would like to have something in my life that would make me fit into some such beauty spot as I was in this afternoon, without feeling out of place in it and unworthy of it. I am glad I went alone; for alone, I found God.

FRIDAY. Dug in the ditch. It sure is getting my back, and now my forearms are aching to beat the band! An incident occurred. A cat fell into a water tank in the barn and it was rescued in time to prevent it from drowning. Mrs. G—— held it in the sun while it dried. It must be saved for its young and for the G—— children. It would have been a great tragedy if poor kitty had died.

SATURDAY. Oh, my back!

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was the formation of a Daily Vacation Bible School.

The young men were fortunate in their hosts, Professor Guiles has for many years evidenced in many ways an active interest in rural farm and church life. Dr. MacArthur, as the son of the esteemed former pastor of Calvary Baptist Church of New York City, spent his youth and young manhood in the city, but early revealed a determining love for the country. From his earliest pastoral days his contacts have been continuously with the soil and farm people. In his ministry he has combined a technical knowledge of conditions in the open country with the ability

to deal with individuals. He holds several offices related to rural life. He is chairman of the Town and Country Department of the Massachusetts Council of Churches and trustee for agriculture in Worcester County, representing in a volunteer capacity the United States Department of Agriculture and the Massachusetts State College; he is president of the Farmers' Club, chaplain of the Grange and the American Legion and leader (eleven years) of the 4-H Club of Sterling. Mr. Smith, who in October entered upon his duties with the Home Mission Society, lived almost continuously with the students during their period of exploration and investigation.

She Died with a Shattered Mind

By ALFRED L. MURRAY

I HAD a funeral the other day. The cold, silent form in the casket before me had been an exceptionally brilliant woman in her late fifties. Her scholarship had been recognized by the commercial world, for it had given her her last position.

Yet she had not been happy in it, for she was the wife of a minister who had no pastorate. His church had dismissed him, and had called a younger man. He had lived to be 60 years of age. That seems to be a crime today worthy of denying a minister a pulpit. Although I interceded for him, my labor was in vain. Always I heard the church people say: "He is too old for us."

She was sorely troubled, and it worried her. She took to her bed. She grew weaker and weaker, but always I could hear her say, "If he could only get a church." On my last three visits she no longer spoke about churches. She knew me, but not herself. The slender thread that holds sanity in place had been unable to stand the strain. It had snapped.

She was laid away in the beautiful church cemetery, while the doleful bells mourned her passing, and sent their great lamentations into the surrounding hills. And there she sleeps in the yard of an institution that had broken her heart and mind.

I read books and religious journals. I listen to sermons and addresses over my radio, and I hear a strange, new, social message that fascinates me: "Mills that grind down the face of the poor, factories that tread upon the bleeding forms of men, a commercial world that casts off its employees like an old machine, and a business that fails to honor its faithful aged,—all these must cease to exist. We will not tolerate such bestiality, such cursedness."

My face flushes, my soul burns with the fires that have been kindled by a man's eloquence. I say to myself: "Behold, a new prophet has come. Thankful am I for such a daring message."

Suddenly I am brought back to grim reality. I listen again. The words? They are the words of a prophet, a leader of a people, the voice of an institution that we call the Church.

It has been very beautiful. And then I remembered that the other day I had had a funeral.





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Reviews of Current Books and Book Publishers' Announcements



The Christian Faith at the Nation's Capital, by RUFUS WASH-INGTON WEAVER, is a book of sermons that treat vital questions of urgent political and economic significance. They are all rooted in some appropriate Scripture argument or incident and deal with the relation of religion to society, particularly from the Baptist point of view. The pulpit of the First Baptist Church at the national capital stands at the great cross-roads of American life. Dr. Weaver shows how much like ancient Jerusalem is modern Washington, and repeats in these sermons what he has been saying to his congregation which includes so many visitors from all parts of the country. (Judson Press; \$1.00.)

This Soviet World, by ANNA Louise Strong, an American writer, lecturer, and editor who has spent 15 years in Russia, is an idealistic yet factual presentation of what has been happennig in the land of communism. In two main parts, the book discusses first, how men made the Russian revolution, established a communist dictatorship, organized 160,000,000 people into a vast union of nations, built a new economy and are now busy maintaining Russia at peace with her neighbors; and second, how this amazing union of nations is remaking men and women through its new factory system, its cooperative and collective agriculture, its science and art, its care for children, its education of youth and its emphasis on equality and freedom of women. Under the spell of her own enthusiasm over these achievements in Russia,

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world to the contrary, the author has little to say about the evils in the system which other writers on Russia, as for example, Sherwood Eddy, have repeatedly emphasized. Moreover, religion, a subject of vital concern to all Christians whether Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox or Protestant, is not even mentioned. The author is a keen and discriminating observer. Her long residence in Russia gives assurance that this is a reliable analysis of conditions in Russia today. Nevertheless, it would seem to be incomplete in that the other side of the picture has not been fully presented. (Henry Holt and Co.; 301 pages; \$2.00.)

Indian Thought and Its Development, by ALBERT SCHWEIT-ZER. For generations representatives of the churches of Western lands have been going to Asia and Africa as Christian missionaries. One of the noblest of these is the author of this book, who comes now to plead with us for a better understanding of the thought of India. The fundamental difference between the East and the West is stated in the first chapter. The former regards existence as something fundamentally meaningless and sorrowful and, therefore, the world and life are to be denied and all effort toward improvement to be renounced. We of the West, on the other hand, insist upon "world and life affirmation" and believe existence to be good and perfectible. It is, therefore, the purpose of the book to trace the development of the thought of India and its history with a view to discovering how India arrived

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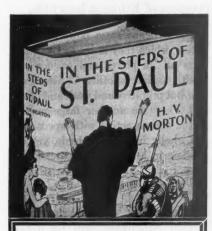
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at world and life negation. Of special interest is the chapter on Modern Indian Thought, which shows the influence of such modern Indian philosophers as Tagore and Gandhi. Confessing the limitations of our western philosophy, he declares that "there must indeed arise a philosophy profounder and more living than our own and endowed with greater spiritual and ethical force." Particularly urgent "in this terrible period through which mankind is passing" is the necessity for a "form of thought which will conquer the hearts of individuals and compel



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by Richard E. Day

The Moody Centennial Biography

A conventional biography of Dwight L. Moody would be highly inappropriate. He was an unusual man—and this is an unusual book. Doctor Day admires Mr. Moody hugely; he is entirely sympathetic toward him. We imagine that Mr. Moody himself would have liked the book immensely. While use has been made of much valuable and hitherto inaccessible documentary material, and of interviews with many people who were close to Mr. Moody, it has nothing of the encyclopedia-article, data-and-event-recounting marrative about it, but is a true, fascinating story of a great, inspiring Christian character whom one must know in order to understand American Christianity and American life

in the nineteenth century. Doctor Day's Shadow of the Broad Brim has been pronounced the final life of Spurgeon. It is hard to see why there should be another book about Moody — after this one.

The Lift of a Far View

by Albert W. Beaven

Doctor Beaven's Sermons for Every-day Living, the first issue of the Judson Press Sermons, has had and continues to have a very large sale. He now contributes a second volume to the series. While a true prophet and sometimes stern in his denunciation of the prevailing sins of society, and the church, he has a positive, hopeful message — as the title of this new book would suggest. Included in the volume are also Doctor Beaven's address at the Berlin World's Baptist Congress, and his famous broadcasted Washington address on the "Spirit and Service of the Federal Council."

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selection. All lovers of poetry will appreciate this excellent collection. Preachers and public speakers who have a fondness for including shorter or longer poems in their sermons and addresses will find this an exceedingly usable book. (Round Table Press; 235 pages; \$2.00.)

Some of My Religion, by H. R. L. SHEPPARD, Canon of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, comprises 52 short homilies contributed to the London Sunday Express, with purpose to bring vital religion home to the average man. The result is a mixture, containing much of truth with keen and witty comment. The reader need not agree with the severe criticisms of the formal and conventional church professions, but he will not doubt the author's loyalty to

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Little Known Women of The Bible, by EVELEEN HARRISON, contains ten dramatic portraits of five Old and five New Testament women. As little is known about these characters, the author centers her attention upon the conspicuous characteristics of each woman and weaves a picturesque dramatic story about that point. She calls Leah the unwanted wife, Deborah the Jeanne d'Arc of the Hebrews, etc. Those who read this book will look upon the women considered in it, with renewed interest and with deep admiration for their lives. This is a volume of hope and encouragement for all humble women. (Round Table Press; \$1.25.)

Singing on the Road by Margaret E. Sangster, reviewed on page 488 in October issue, was incorrectly attributed to Revell as publisher. It is published by the Round Table Press and sells for \$1.00. It is a fine book of inspirational talks and poems dealing with this journey that we call life.

Nine Honest Men, by DAVID LAWRENCE, editor of The United

States News, an independent weekly published in Washington, D. C., is an interesting book with a somewhat misleading title. With the photographs of the nine justices of the United States Supreme Court on the book's jacket, the reader assumes that it is a series of biographical sketches. Instead it is an analysis of what the Court has done during the past three years in setting aside so much of the New Deal legislation at Washington as unconstitutional. Irrespective of political party affiliations, readers will therefore find the book an ably presented review of an eventful period in American legislative history. (Appleton-Century Co.; 164 pages; \$1.50.)

Paul Before Caesar, by IRVING G. RODDY, is a thoughtful and informing book which originated in the study of a Baptist pastor who before his ordination had studied law. He is still a member of the New York Bar though his gospel ministry is in Idaho. The legal aspects of Jesus' death have been made the subject of many books. In like manner this volume treats the arrest, trial, imprisonment and execution of the great apostle. The opening chapter deals with Roman jurisprudence and the closing chapter gives the verdict on Paul rendered at the "judgment bar of mankind." An immense amount of research and reading have gone

into the production of this volume. It will be found most valuable to any reader interested in knowing more about the Roman Empire of Paul's day and the last tragic years of the apostle's life. (Judson Press; \$1.00.)

Out Of Africa, by EMORY Ross, is an up-to-date account of African life, by one who has been a missionary and a traveler in the Dark Continent. He vividly depicts the Africa that has been plundered by many nations, with the consequential handicap to missionary progress. Of the recent invasion of Ethiopia he writes,

The Africans see a powerful white nation, which they know as Christian, mass all its power and science and wealth against another Christian nation, but primitive and weak and black. . . . They see another large portion of the church active with words, and not wholly inactive in deeds, yet unavailing in bringing the aggression to a stop. . . . If this is Christianity, the Africans want none of it.

The Africa of tomorrow, the author concludes, will be determined by the attitude that Europe and America take toward the (Continued on page 635)

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The Editor Emeritus says:

Momentous Years in an Active Life

I HAVE just finished reading a notable book that is not only an interesting autobiography but is also a volume of historic value, for

it covers a momentous period in the development of American Protestant cooperation. The book is the life story of Dr. Charles S. Macfarland, written by himself and entitled, Across the Years.* It is written "intimately and frankly, as though talking, by the fireside, to my own children." The author is assured of the interest of his story, and his joy in the telling is manifest. Aside from the chronicle of a life rich in contacts with important people and notable for its public service and relations, there are chapters which give hitherto unpublished historical information, with the author's estimates of eminent figures.

When Dr. Macfarland came into the Federal Council in 1910, it was a critical period with that organization. It needed all the optimistic buoyancy of the new secretary to face the financial and critical obstacles. Yet in the more than ten years during which I as a member of its administrative committee was closely associated with him, I never knew him to give way to discouragement. He tells how in extremity it was a Baptist deacon who loaned the Council \$10,000 on his note, with no security but his word "plus personal confidence." How and where in the months that followed he obtained the money required, few of us knew.

While he was the ardent advocate of peace, the world war really gave him the opening for his ambitious plans as a potential peacemaker and general good will messenger to the nations, with the Federal Council as the church body backing him. The story shows how seriously he took himself in his overseas communications and journeyings when it was so easy to involve a government or country by the wrong word or unauthorized promise. His narrative shows what confidence he had in his ability to give advice to presidents and high officials.

I confess to most interest in the opening chapters, which describe the hard-working boyhood and young manhood; the education begun under his father, who at four gave him lessons in Greek, Hebrew and Swedish; the church-goer at six, at the Boston Baptist Bethel, where his mother was a de-

voted Sunday school teacher and worker; hard at work at ten, from 5:30 A.M. delivering papers, to 8 P.M. delivering goods for a tailor, with grammar school and various jobs in between. Among his ventures when a high school student was the placing of a small job printing office in a corner of the kitchen, and the publishing of an amateur paper, Our Boston Youth, which he edited. He was constantly writing, reading and cultivating a phenomenal memory, which enabled him to memorize large portions of the King James' Version of the Old and New Testament. His Scotch father, who died when Charles was twelve, had judged him a prodigy. At five he was frequently called upon at Sunday school concerts to repeat the Lord's Prayer in Greek and the 23rd Psalm in Hebrew. The story of his boyhood is full of charm, despite its vicissitudes, but I must pass it by. A high school graduate at seventeen, successful in business with bright prospects, the family moves to Melrose Highlands, where there is only one church, the Congregational, whose pastor became young Macfarland's friend and counselor, and finally saw him in a Congregational pastorate, after he had tried business and the Y.M.C.A. and had found the ministry his only goal. He had hesitated because he had neither college nor seminary training, but his pulpit gifts were evident. Then he had the Greek and Hebrew in unusual measure due to his father's early teaching, while his knowledge of the Bible far exceeded that of the average theological student, and his hard-knocks school had taught him life. He had no short-cut ideas, however, and so laid out stiff courses at Yale, where he pursued his studies till he had gained the coveted doctor of philosophy degree. A pastorate at Melrose opened at once on graduation. Following that he was called to the church at South Norwalk, Conn., in a labor district. He was there when called to the Federal Council.

Dr. Macfarland does not conceal his delight in his associations with world dignitaries and with prominent men and women at home. He moves through the pages as the dominant figure, as is natural. Chapters 15 and 16, which give his personal estimates, contemplations and conclusions, will be read by many with particular interest. Dr. Macfarland was fortunate in his parentage, his unconquerable spirit, his friends, his profession, and his service to the cause of Christian unity and church federation.

He has added a volume of historic value to American biography.

^{*} Published by Macmillan, \$2.75.

N the period just ahead, an important task is to prepare the churches for Enlistment Month, February 14 to March 14.

In many states arrangements have been made to hold conferences with the Associational Enlistment Chairmen, so that the Manual may be studied and the leaders prepared to instruct local chairmen in its use. The Manual was published in October and is by now available in all states.

Particular emphasis is given to five strategic days, the five Sundays of Enlistment Month. Much depends on the manner in which these Sundays are utilized. Close coöperation between pastor and Enlistment Committee will be necessary to obtain the best results. The Manual suggests the following outline:

FEBRUARY 14, ROLL CALL SUNDAY

Theme of the day: Ye shall be my wit-

Roll Call cards gathered in church services.

Report of survey made by Enlistment Committee.

FEBRUARY 21, FAMILY SUNDAY

Theme of Morning Service: Teaching them to observe all things.

Theme of Evening Service: Eager for His way of life.

Entire Bible school attends morning service.

Young people in charge of evening service.

FEBRUARY 28, WORLD OUTREACH SUNDAY

Theme of Morning Service: Publish the Kingdom.

Theme of Evening Service: Thy neighbor as thyself.

MARCH 7, ENLISTMENT SUNDAY

Theme of the Day: Faithful Stewards. Emphasis: Service and financial enlistment of all present.

Conference of visitors in afternoon.

MARCH 14, FORWARD DAY Theme of the Day: I am the Way.

Enlistment Month Will Soon Be Here

Report of result of enlistment of morning and evening services.

The purpose of the first three Sundays will be to interest and inform the entire constituency of the church regarding the various phases of the Forward Movement enlistment and prepare every one for an intelligent and sacrificial enlistment on March 7.

Early Orders Get the Book

The production of our 1937 January book VANGUARD is somewhat ahead of the usual schedule. If early orders are the rule, a little added time should be available to effect distribution. However the emphasis on promptness cannot be made too strong and late comers must take the chance of disappointment. While the missionary character of previous issues has been maintained, the appearance of VANGUARD is unlike our other January books. The text, pictures and arrangement have been varied in a way that gives this issue unusual freshness and individuality.

and new-in a new dress and with some changes in the plan of reading made familiar by previous issues. The most apparent departure from former practice is in the special character given to the reading matter for Sundays. Instead of the usual factual material, devotional topics are provided for Sunday reading having some bearing on the missionary motive or its expression. These have been introduced in response to an expressed desire of readers for a larger devotional content. The price of the book remains 25 cents and early orders will be filled in time to insure delivery before the holidays.

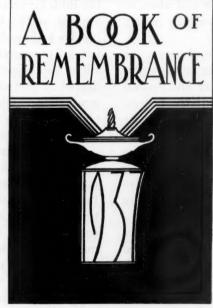
Progress of Forums

Forward Forums have been definitely announced by more than half of the states. In other parts of the Northern Baptist area plans for the Forums are maturing. New York State's 17 meetings will be spread over the months of November, December and January. Pennsylvania's 65, which may be increased to 70 or more, will come mostly after January 1. Southern California is making January and February dates for the 32 meetings projected there and Ohio, with 35 meetings scheduled, has chosen those months also.

When the full list of Forums is completed it will run into the hundreds and all facilities are taxed to the utmost in making provision for the set-up and speakers for this major field activity of the Forward Movement.

The Church Member's Opportunity

A right conception of the Baptist Forward Movement will cause the individual church member to look upon the denominational program as a means to broaden and enrich his spiritual life. In particular, he will see in Enlistment Month an opportunity to express in a definite



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way his acceptance of Christ's supreme leadership. The pledge card becomes the medium through which to make known your intention of becoming an increasingly useful member of the Baptist community.

You enlist by designating those activities of your church in which you feel that your services will be of most value. The five-point program of the Forward Movement provides scope for every talent, from personal evangelism through the whole range of the five objectives, including a definite financial pledge-your field of choice is wide. All of us are equal to some of the tasks suggested and some are equal to all of them. When to the limit of your ability you pledge yourself to serve, you will be in step with a great host of Baptists resolved to go Forward.

conditions have changed quite as rapidly in Belgian Congo as in America. On some accounts the present is a time of crisis for Christian missions in that field. Baptists are doing all that their limited facilities will permit to develop the native leadership which must emerge if Congo is to be Christian in the future. Great Negro churches in America, like Olivet in Chicago and Abyssinian Church in New York, show that capacity for religious leadership exists and needs adequate training to bring it out.

"The story of the rise of the Negro race in the United States since its emancipation in 1865 is one of the most remarkable in all the history of mankind," observes Dr. F. W. Padelford. "These people have moved more rapidly in these 70 years than has any other

race in centuries. This has been due in part to the fact that they have been in such a stimulating and rapidly moving environment. It is due also to the fact that the race has had so keen and responsive a nature that once given the opportunity it has risen to the challenge of the new day. Whereas other races have crept forward through a long history with slow and tortuous movement, the Negro has raced ahead with rapid stride. To no other influence has this progress been so much due as to Christian education."

Rev. and Mrs. Arthur P. Loveridge, who succeeded Rev. and Mrs. R. B. Teachout as missionaries among the Navajo Indians at Keams Canyon, Arizona, began their work there on November 15. Mr. Loveridge has been pastor of the Mason Valley Baptist Community Church in Nevada for the past year. He secured his theological training at the Berkeley Baptist Divinity School.



Virginia University Union Debating Team with coach, Richmond, Virginia

Problems of the Negro Race

Africa and the Negro in America are mission study themes this year and Baptists are learning much about the problems of the Negro race. The year finds our missionary work for this race in a very interesting stage, both in Africa and America. Since the World War,



Preparing lunch for the kindergarten children at the Olivet Baptist Church in Chicago. This is one of the largest Negro Baptist churches in the United States

WOMEN · OVER · THE · SEAS

In the Mission Fields of the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society

The Christmas Star Shines Everywhere

A Campfire in Congo

Many of the little villages nestled among the hills are seldom visited by the missionaries, and so we received an enthusiastic welcome wherever we went. "Mindele mieto mia Nzambi mizidi," meaning "Our white people of God have come," sang earnest, naked, little black children as they followed us from village to village. Eggs. pineapples, chickens, peanuts, a pigeon, and a native pig were some of the gifts we received. Many had an eagerness for the truth in Christ. On Christmas Eve we held a large service around a campfire. The carols, the prayers, the old, old story, so precious to our hearts, made us all very conscious of His presence. We were off for home at dawn, a Christmas dawn, and never was there a more beautiful morn. The sunrise, the mountains on every side, and the mists in the valleys all seemed to say: "Be still and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen: I will be exalted in the earth."-Ruth E. Dickey, Moanza, Belgian Congo.

A Feast in Burma

Every year at Christmas Pegu gives a feast to the very poor, a unique plan, arranged by our Burman pastor. At three o'clock in the morning a group of Christians gather in the school kitchen and begin preparations for the "feed." At 8:30 A.M. a large group of beggars and other poor folks have gathered just outside the compound. The good pastor with his helpers sings the joyous Christmas

hymns, and then to this group he tells of the Christ. Soon each visitor is given a package containing rice and curry for a good square meal. Over one hundred people are served in this manner with the food provided by the Christians of Pegu. Then at noon a Christmas service for the church members and all others who wish to come is held at the schoolhouse. our place of worship.-Mary Parish, Pegu, Burma.

Firecrackers in South China

As usual Christmas started early for us with weeks of rehearsing. The kindergarten had the first program on Saturday morning before Christmas. The children are always fine, and this year their sketch showed how one family learned it was more blessed to give than to receive. On Sunday afternoon came the Sunday school service with gifts of money, cloth, food, and other essentials, totalling

almost \$500 in value,-a large gift for our people who are mostly very poor. These gifts go to the Old Folks Home, to the hospital, and to needy students and Christians. On Christmas Eve before a wellfilled church, the pageant, "The Birth of Christ," told the Christmas story in a way that could not soon be forgotten. Afterwards we all went to the school building where gifts were distributed to the students and teachers. Many callers came, many carols were sung in the wee small hours, and firecrackers added to the celebration on Christmas Eve.—Elsie M. Kittlitz, Woman's Bible Training School, Swatow, S. China.



Candles in Japan

On the 25th our little group of workers who had labored so joyfully and faithfully met at the Homare Center for our own Christmas. As at the beginning of our Christmas rounds, the table



Preparing the Christmas feast in Sona Bata, Belgian Congo

was decorated with a beautiful Dennison crepe paper cover and tall red candles. From three till midnight they lighted our Christmas pathway. They also lighted up memories of the last 20 years, for unbeknown to me our little group had arranged a service commemorating my 20th anniversary, the completion of 20 years of work in Japan and the beginning of 20 years more! It made me feel very humble, and again I felt deeply that I had received more than I had given. They presented me with a beautiful bronze incense burner. Then came our Christmas worship circle and circle of prayer. After this service we brought in charcoals, put them on the table, and cooked our "sukiyaki."-Thomasine Allen, Morioka, Japan.



Christmas in Nellore, South India

The Victory Song in India

As Christmas nears, each class at the Central Boarding School adopts some village school within the vicinity to take care of. Every one contributes a few cents with which gifts of balls, marbles, slates, combs, and other small articles are bought; jackets for the girls are sewed; fruits and sweets for all are prepared. Each class also works out a program of songs, Bible drama, health drama, Bible verses, and other like features.

All the classes in the school take a different day for their visit. First we meet at the bungalow for prayer and then off we march 12, and even 16 miles to and from our village. The way is shortened by singing and merry laughter. When we get to the village, we go to the school where many children are waiting for us. For an hour or two hair combing, hair cutting, and fixing are the principal occupation, for each school child who does not have her hair combed must have it as slick as the big sister from Narsaravupet.

We next sit down to a fine dinner of rice and curry. About 1:30 our phonograph, which is much appreciated, begins to play, calling the people together, and our Christmas program is begun. The Indian people love drama, and some of the Scriptural dramatizations by the children are very well done. We always have a happy, enthusiastic audience.

It is usually night before we have finished the long trek back. I wish you could hear the "Victory" song as the class enters the compound, and the joy of the Boarders as they quickly gather about to hear the day's report.—Eva Gruen, Narsaravupet, India.

More New Missionaries

Miss Marion Bell, another recent appointee of the Woman's Foreign Board, sailed in November for South China to fill the need for a missionary nurse. Born in Riblake, Wis., she spent a happy childhood on a small farm in central Wisconsin. When she was 13 years old, her father severed all relations with the Catholic Church. From that time she entered into Protestant church ac-





Marion Bell Lora M. Patten

tivities, and several years later joined the Second Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill. After studying at the Eau Clair State Teachers' College and gaining some teaching experience, Miss Bell enrolled at the Mt. Sinai Hospital School of Nursing, Milwaukee, Wis., and later at Cook County Hospital School of Nursing, Chicago. Her studies at the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary and the Moody Bible Institute make her well prepared to carry a knowledge of the Christ with her ministry of healing.

MISS LORA M. PATTEN sailed for Japan in October as an educational missionary under Woman's Foreign Board. She was born in Kokomo, Ind., and holds her church membership in the First Baptist Church of Richmond, Ind. As a teacher of many years' experience, she is wellqualified for the task. In addition to B.A. and M.A. degrees from Indiana University, she has studied at Michigan University and the University of Southern California. Reared in a strong Baptist family, Miss Patten at the age of 14 began her active service in church and in other Christian organizations. Because home responsibilities prevented her from entering Christian service, she has for a number of years sponsored the education of several other girls who wished to do this type of work. Now at last she has the joy of becoming a worker in the field herself.

TIDINGS



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Growing Straight as the Pine Tree

By ESTHER M. McCollough

Like the straightness of thy pine trees Let me upright be.

-Mary Edgar

THERE was a reason for asking I five happy Japanese young people-new Christians-to have their picture snapped before the straight pine tree in front of their little mission church. They are George Mukai, Kikuye Kamine, valedictorian of their Community High School, Mark Mukai, Jukie Fukuzawa, and Mary Mukai. "Their names are hard to pronounce," you say. Well, I happen to know that McCollough is a tongue-twister for them, so I answer to the name of "Macalo," receive greetings addressed to "Miss Mackeral," and our children say "Miss Culla" or just "Culo."

Kingston is a small farming community. It is about an hourand-a-half's trip, by foot, bus, ferry, and car from the doorstep of the Japanese Woman's Home in Seattle to that beloved house of worship, built by the parents of this group. One night, Mark stopped at the Japanese Woman's Home, after parking his father's big truck. I can see him now—striped overalls, pink cheeks, shining eyes, and that eager look as I asked him, "Mark, do you think you are growing in the Christian life?"

Without any hesitation, he answered, "Yes, I am." Then I said, "Why do you think so?"

And these were his three reasons: "I have a new appreciation. I feel so grateful for anything my mother puts in my lunches. She is so busy inside and outside the house that I feel so thankful to

country, picking up eggs (he brings 60 dozen cases of eggs to Seattle every week), everything looks so much more beautiful than before I was a Christian. When I pray now, God seems so near. I feel His presence." So we thank God and know that that follower is growing straight as the pine tree.

The lives of these young people

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The lives of these young people are also branching out like the trees. They held their first Young People's Rally in their own little Kingston Mission Church, extending invitations to the B.Y.P.U. at Winslow on Bainbridge Island, to our Bellevue group across Lake Washington, to the Young Peo-







FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Young People's Rally at the First Japanese Baptist Church in Kingston, Washington; Japanese children in front of the Japanese Woman's Home in Seattle, Washington; five Japanese young people who were baptized in the Kingston church last Easter

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ple's Christian Federation made up of all of the Japanese Christian churches, and to their own Christian neighbors of other races and nationalities. We have attended many conferences, conventions, and rallies, but as we heard those young people speak on "Christian Bridge Builders," we felt like standing and singing the Doxology.

The parents cooperated most heartily. Mr. Ohashi put the finishing touches to the decorations -long sprays of white cherry and apple blossoms, roses, and Japanese quince. The mothers served the heaped-up plates of osushi, with real dried seaweed from the Sound sprinkled on the top (if you eat that, you won't have to use iodized salt, and you'll never have goiter), Japanese pickles, Japanese tea and oranges. That little worship room with its homemade wooden pews was almost full with 55 young people and adults present. The next event was to fill the cars and trucks and drive to the beach. I can close my eyes now and see the blue waters of Puget Sound, the sunset glow, and hear the lapping of the waves. Standing around the campfire, the young people munched "hot dogs." Then the colors began to fade, the distant trees were silhouetted darkly against the horizon, quiet fell on the group, and hymns were raised in worship. Shigeko Sese, a graduate of the Baptist Missionary Training School, gave the inspirational message; another hymn was sung; then "taps"played as the close to a mountaintop experience!

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Five Roumanian Students at the Training School

The Baptist Missionary Training School in Chicago, Ill., opened with 85 students, the largest enrolment in many years. During recent terms there has been an increasing representation from Home Mission fields. Among the



Five Roumanian Students

five Roumanian girls in the picture, one is from Alliance, and one from Akron, Ohio; two are from the Second Roumanian Church in Detroit; and one is from Sioux City, Iowa.

The present student body also includes a girl from South Chicago Neighborhood House, one from Chicago's Chinese field, another Chinese from Seattle, a Puerto Rican girl, and three Negro students, one of whom is the first graduate of Mather School to enter the Training School. Katherine Brosend, the daughter of the superintendent of Kodiak Baptist Orphanage, and eight daughters of ministers are also included.

Department of Christian Friendliness

(See article by Dr. Hugh A. Heath on page 596)

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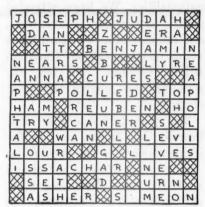
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- 12. The ass knows this, Isa. 1:3
- 15. Company of persons
- 16. Hasten
- 17. A prophetic book with 14 chapters
- 18. A certain sound; German composer
- 19. This prophet was a herdman
- 20. "Call me not Naomi, call me . . ."
- 21. Hastened
- 22. Exclamation of contempt
- 23. North central state
- 25. Out of
- 26. Preposition
- 27. New Testament book

- 29. Sound of bells
- 30. Since
- 31. A prophetic book with one chapter
- 34. Unit of time
- 35. Indians of Lower California
- 37. He was swallowed by a great fish
- 39. Help
- 40. And (ancient language)
- 41. A major prophet
- 43. Country festival
- 44. Crafty
- 45. City of Edom, Gen. 36:39
- 47. A prophet mentioned by Peter in Acts 2
- 48. A prophet whose book ends with a psalm

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- 1. Eleventh minor prophet
- 2. Apostles were put in this
- 3. Annoy
- 4. First of the prophetical books

Last Month's Puzzle



- 5. City of Judah, Josh. 15:32
- 6. A prophet whose four messages are exactly dated
- 7. He foretells Nineveh's destruction
- 8. Forming an ode
- 9. A prophet who predicted the fall of Jerusalem
- 13. New Testament book
- 14. Egyptian deity
- 20. The last Old Testament book
- 22. Cut short
- 24. Plant louse
- 25. One of the great prophets
- 27. New York university
- 28. Sixth minor prophet
- 32. Perform
- 33. A Gadite, 1 Chron. 5:15
- 34. "A vain thing for safety"
- 36. Slice of meat
- 37. June
- 38. Feminine proper name
- 42. Third king of Judah, 2 Chron. 14:1
- 43. Sea Bird
- 45. Father
- 46. Mudar, an East Indian shrub

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The Ramapatnam Theological Seminary, the only such training school in the South India Mission, is rejoicing at the large number of students now enrolled, sent by the churches of the field. President A. M. Boggs states that last year there were but 12; this year the total reaches 50 students.

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THE WORLD WIDE GUILD

THE ROYAL AMBASSADORS

THE CHILDREN'S WORLD CRUSADE

DRAMATIC MATERIALS

For Use at Christmas Time

The Department of Missionary Education has on hand the following valuable pageants:

The Field of the Shepherds, by Charles A. Boyd. This applies the meaning of the shepherds care to all races and nations. It may be used for presentation as a service of worship in the church auditorium on the Sunday evening preceding Christmas. The booklet contains suggestions for costuming, the selection of characters, and other important details.

Dramatic Pageant of the Birth of Christ, by Charles N. Arbuckle. This pageant attempts to portray the dramatic events about the birth of Jesus with the scene laid in and around Bethlehem. Ample suggestions for presentation are provided in the booklet.

The Singing Shepherd, a musical drama for Christmas, by CLARENCE M. GALLUP. This musical drama portrays the progressive effect of events in the childhood of Jesus made upon a young man of sensitive nature. This drama is appropriate not only for the Christmas season, but also for the New Year week. It has been used for several years in Providence and is suitable for most churches.

The above plays may be secured for 15 cents each from the Department of Missionary Education, 152 Madison Avenue, New York City.

A Play on the Negro

A new missionary play on the Negro in America, by Mrs. Joseph G. Upton, entitled *Insight*, is available in mimeo-

graphed form for 15 cents a copy, or two for 25 cents. It is a missionary play in three acts, easy to produce, with simple settings. It can be given with eleven characters or more, if desired. The play is written especially for the use of women's and World Wide Guild groups. Order from the Department.

A limited number of the following booklets of stories on the Negro is still available and will be supplied for ten cents each:

Intermediate—Written in Black and White

Senior—Negro Life in the Southland, or Building for a Race.

New Material on Africa

New graded Sunday-school stories for primary and junior grades are now ready under the following titles:

"An African Jewel and Other Stories"—Primary

"Links in the Master Chain"— Junior

A book of "Essential Missionary Facts about Africa" forms the third in the series of three, and this booklet contains important excerpt and illustrative material secured from the files of the missionary societies and other valuable sources. Price for each book, 15 cents, or for the series of three, 35 cents.

The Untouchables' Quest

A new 95-page book dealing with the depressed classes of India, by Godfrey Phillips, with the imprint of the Edinburgh House Press, London, interprets

the recent uprisings among the depressed classes of India, and shows how tens of thousands of village groups among the untouchables and lower classes in India are on their own initiative knocking at the doors of the Christian church. Grave questions of procedure come to mind as these collective movements turn toward Christianity as the solution of their ills. "We already know enough about this," says the author, "that its dangers are as great as its glorious possibilities and both are admirable. . . . In the whole history of religion there have been few greater crises." (Imported from England by the Friendship Press. Price, 40 cents.)

A New Pamphlet on Christian Missions

The Department of Missionary Education announces a new pamphlet on the enterprise of Christian missions, and is a further study of the missionary apologetic and imperative. This pamphlet contains a collection of most valuable quotations drawn from many sources, and will be useful in public addresses, in bulletins, and church calendars. Teachers of study classes and leaders of men's groups will find this pamphlet very helpful.

The third pamphlet is expected about the first of January. These pamphlets are issued in accordance with the "Forward Movement of the Northern Baptist Convention" as set forth on page 12 of that statement. The pamphlets are free.

No One Man Could Write It

It has been said of the book, The Christian Message for the World Today, that no one man could write it. It is the joint product of ten outstanding Christian leaders of our time. (For the names of the ten men, see last paragraph on page 601.) Their messages are wrought into a strong and forceful statement of confidence in the ongoing work of Christian missions. It would be fortunate if Northern Baptist young people and adult groups would get acquainted with the conclusions reached. The Christian faith of scores of our people would be quickened, enthusiasms

already dulled would burst into new life, and a new sense of courage would take the place of loss of confidence in the missionary cause. The book is ideal for study class purposes and for discussion groups as is intimated in the following chapter titles: The Mood of Our Generation, The Growing Faith of Communism, The New Religion of Nationalism. The World Economic Crisis, The Gospel and Our Generation, Christianity and Other World Religions, The World Reach of the Christian Faith, The Purpose of Missions, The Motive of Missions.

Copies at \$1.50 can be secured at any branch of the Publication Society or at any book store.

writes as follows: "After having organized a Royal Ambassador Chapter at my two former pastorates, Mt. Morris and Temperance, Michigan, I am ready to organize another one at the Williamson Ave. Baptist Church, of Dearborn. Will you send to me at once necessary literature? I am also interested in the plan suggested in April Missions, designed for chapters wishing to meet once a week. I would like to know more about this four-point project." A later letter says: "We are quite happy to have 16 boys attending our chapter. They have little missionary education, but the church is pleased to get behind this boys' work." We commend the follow-up work of this pastor.

Rev. M. Jesakow of the First Polish Baptist Church, of Philadelphia, Pa., writes: "I have organized a group of boys into Royal Ambassadors. Please send me materials and suggestions. We named our chapter after Dr. Livingstone. We have only nine boys, but later will take in more who are interested from our "Happy Hour and Sunday School." Some of these boys are of Polish parents, and some are Spanish boys."

ROYAL AMBASSADORS

Three Periods Next Summer at Ocean Park

A new four-page folder sets forth the advantages of the Royal Ambassador Boys' Camp at Ocean Park, Maine. The beautiful new dining hall and other new camp equipment now permit the adding of the third period to the summer schedule of this camp. This pamphlet is printed for the Baptist boys of the East to describe excellent privileges awaiting those who are fortunate enough to attend one or another of the summer periods. The camp will open on the following schedule:

First Period—June 28-July 10 Second Period—July 12-July 24 Third Period—July 26-August 7

The information contained in this interesting folder is built around the four headings—vacational, vocational, recreational, and inspirational. All boys and counsellors interested in this camp may write either Leland W. Kingman, Business Manager, 7 Echo Avenue, Reading, Mass., or William A. Hill, 152 Madison Avenue, New York City.

Royal Ambassador News

Rev. A. J. Graham, Pastor of the Williamson Ave. Baptist Church, of Dearborn, Michigan,

WORLD WIDE GUILD

Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing that is come to pass.

O little town, O little town, Upon the hills so far, We see you, like a thing sublime, Across the great gray wastes of time, And men go up and men go down, But follow still the star!

Clinton Scollard

"This Christmas greeting is written on a night train whizzing

through Kansas, but it is just as full of good wishes for Guild girls the world around as if it were written at 218. I am having such delightful reunions with old friends and making so many new ones on this trip that I long to press on to the far West.

"The two Guild State Conventions in Omaha, Nebraska and Kansas City, Kansas, were out-

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Another GUILD MISSIONS SHOWER!

WHAT about another Christmas Missions Shower for Dr. Lipphard? We started this Christmas Gift four years ago. Why not keep up such a good habit? One new subscription to Missions Magazine from anybody, man, woman or child, secured by a Guild girl will gladden the editor's heart and prove the loyalty of Guilders to this outstanding missionary magazine. The

WHAT about another Christmas Missions * value to the subscriber is great because it Shower for Dr. Lipphard? We started * gives world news and national and foreign his Christmas Gift four years ago. Why not * relations from a sane and Christian view-teep up such a good habit? One new sub- * point. The special price is \$1.00.

In sending subscriptions be sure to state that they are part of the Guild MISSIONS Shower. Don't stop at one subscription. Let's make it a deluge instead of a shower!

Alma Mater

standing in leadership and originality. Conferences and banquets were held in connection with the general Conventions in Minnesota, South Dakota and Iowa. We may say in very truth, in Guild there is no East nor West but one great sisterhood of devoted, loyal Christian girls contributing life and ability to our denominational activities. The deepest joy of the Christmas season to you all!"

Faithfully Hours Oller J. Noble

Stewardship Essay Contest

Again we are one of the units in the Stewardship Essay Con-

test promoted by Stewardship Department and sponsored by Dr. Agar. The coöperation of Guild girls last year was very good, but this year let us make our good better. Five girls were made very happy with their cash awards, and most of the essays showed study and thought. The theme for the Guild group this year is, "How can I help others to know the values of Church membership." That implies Stewardship of service and personal influence and should result in a truer and finer appreciation of what it means, or may mean, to be a member of a Church. Send at once for the special leaflet giving full information, either to 152 Madison Ave., New York, or 218 Lancaster Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.

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Insight

A new play, and a very good one! It was written by Mrs. Joseph Upton of Pennsylvania for a Guild House Party at Bucknell University. It fits perfectly into this year's Home Mission study theme and should result in changed attitudes toward our Negro friends. The title is Insight, and it may be ordered from New York or Buffalo. The price is 15¢ each or two for 25¢.

GUILD NEWS

Oregon's Dream Realized

The Guild Camp dream was realized this year and 200 Oregon Guilders had a glorious week in July in their Camp at Cascadia. They contributed \$250 toward it



The World Wide Guild Summer Camp at Cascadia, Oregon

which gave a sense of ownership. Every morning after breakfast the girls stood at attention while the American and Christian flags were raised, and then in silence wound their way to Nature's Cathedral for their service of adoration and meditation. There were classes in Mission Study books, Guild methods, worship music, a problem discussion group, missionary addresses by Mrs. Leach of India and Miss Arcola Petit, P. Is., report of St. Louis Guild Day by a Guild girl who was there, a 21st Birthday Banquet, Masquerade Party, and on Sunday a beautiful Consecration service. Thus, ended a week of happy fellowship, constructive missionary education and spiritual uplift.

Castleford, Idaho

Yesterday it was my privilege to organize a new W.W.G. I have been laboring one year, in this country place ten miles from the railway. I have built a lovely church building, and have baptized over thirty young peoplemostly young ladies. I wanted to give them something to do and felt they needed a W.W.G. So I invited the Sponsors of the Buhl Senior and Junior Guilds, and they came with some of their girls. We presented the W.W.G. to them, and the Buhl W.W.G. girls told what their duties as officers were. Then I organized the Castleford W.W.G. of the First Baptist Church of Castleford, Idaho. There were twentythree who signed for membership. We elected officers and chairmen of committees. At the close of our meeting a table was set for the thirty girls and our visitors, and ice cream and cookies were served. At the table we had a little candlelight service, and here I took some pictures. Then we went to the church yard



New Chapter of the World Wide Guild organized by Rev. Earle D. Sims at Castleford, Idaho

where we gathered around the piano, sang W.W.G. songs and had games.—Earle D. Sims.

Ponce, Puerto Rico

It is a long time since you heard from our W.W.G. During this long time we have been working in silence. Sometimes our light has been so small that it seems as if it were going to disappear, but again the light was bright, and we can say with the prophet: "Eben-ezer, Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." The girl marked by a cross is our president. She is a very consecrate girl.

We are enclosing a money order for three dollars, our National quota. For several years we have not paid it, but we wish to continue paying it every coming year. On December we had our



The Mary O. Lake Chapter of the Guild in Ponce, Puerto Rico

Vesper service on the top of a mountain named "El Vigia." On Mother's Day we had a special program in honor of our mothers. We had an attendance of more than 75 persons. Now we are making preparations for our 14th Anniversary.—Ines F. Quiles (missionary), Mary O. Lake Chapter.

Miami Annual House Party

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Another Miami House Party held in June left memories of happy fellowship and deep inspiration. The Sun-dial theme was carried out and the devotionals were based on different phrases in our motto Scripture verse, "I must work the works of Him that sent me while it is day." Mrs. Hinton of Burma spoke of her work as "The Roads of Mandalay." Miss May Rhodes "Shadows" spoke on "Lights," giving challenging statements concerning the Negroes, showing how many times they are subjected to indignities because of unfounded prejudice. Book reviews, a missionary play, sports and songs contributed information, zest and inspiration to the program which closed with a Vesper Service Sunday evening.

Centerville, South Dakota

The Mary Cressey Guild of Centerville, S. D., has qualified for their fifth year picture. There are six girls in the Guild and they read 132 books and made 715 points. We exceeded our quota to the Guild Gift and also our White Cross Quota. We did most of our reading and White Cross during the summer and it's lucky we did as we were snowed in most all winter. The girls earned part of their money by working for some of the church women for 10¢ an hour. We used our "Glorified Bake Sale" basket again which not only brings in money but creates a lot of interest in the surprise package. We are all for Guild!

Everett, Mass.

On May 12th the Glendale Baptist Church, Everett, Mass., was the scene of a delightful reunion of World Wide Guild Girls. both past and present members. Mrs. Albert Stacy, the organizer and first guardian of the Guild, sponsored the party with about forty members present. Ten of those present were among the seventeen charter members who attended the first meeting March 18, 1918. After a happy greeting of friends, Mrs. Stacy read of the activities of the Guild for the past eighteen years. She recalled many happy occasions, outings, days at Rockport House Party, and entertainments given for worthwhile causes, also the first reunion held after Mrs. Stacy's return from the Philippines in 1929. Her suggestion that an alumnae guild be formed met with hearty approval. A committee of six was appointed to bring in names for officers, and election followed. The special guests were Rev. and Mrs. Covell, Mrs. George Marsters, Mrs. Alfred Graham, Miss Margaret Fowler and Mrs. Enos Baldwin. Messages were read from members who were unable to attend. A copy of Mrs. Montgomery's translation of the New Testament was presented to Mrs. Stacy by the members of the first year group. Refreshments were served by the hostess, after which Guild songs were sung, prayer offered by Mrs. Covell, and with all joining hands in a circle, a happy evening closed with the repeating of the covenant of the World Wide Guild.

So. California's House Party

The fourteenth House Party of Southern California, numbering almost 200 girls for full time, was held in June at a new place, Palisades Assembly Grounds, which had an auditorium with well-equipped stage, and a library for smaller groups. The Mayor this year was only fourteen years old, but with her charming personality and effi-

ciency she commanded order and obedience and won the love of the girls. She is looking toward Christian Center work. The outstanding Faculty member was Dr. F. A. Agar, whose Chapel and Study Book periods were a delight and inspiration to all. Over the platform was this quotation from Dr. Earl Pierce's address at St. Louis: "The only one who cannot give is the one who cannot love." The general theme was "Friendly Roads" and, as usual, our family included Negroes, Mexicans and Japanese, all of whom contributed much to the program. The Junior Camp under the leadership of Mrs. Silke was very fine. She was especially helpful in her forum on Personal Relationships. Their plans are well under way for Southern California's designated gift, a little more than \$2,100, for the support of Preston Institute in India for a year.

Children's World Crusade

My door is open wide tonight, The hearthfire is aglow. I seem to hear swift, passing feet The Christ-child in the snow.

My door is open wide tonight, For stranger, kith and kin. I would not bar a single door Where love might enter in.

My Christmas Wish

O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin, and enter in, Be born in us today.

We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel. May the joy of the little Child and the peace of His presence be yours this day.

Mary I. noble

218 Lancaster Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.

Speak for a Call Drum

Miss Dickey has loaned us a genuine, small-sized, Call Drum, which you may borrow for one week for the price of the postage to and from Buffalo. Send me your name and address clearly written and give the date on which you wish it. Enclose postage stamps on a 4-pound package to Buffalo and return the drum as soon as you have used it.

Christmas Books

THE READING MOTHER

By Strickland Gillilan

I had a mother who read me the things

That wholesome life to the boyheart brings;

Stories that stir with an upward touch—

Oh, that each mother of men were such!

You may have tangible wealth untold;

Caskets of jewels and coffers of gold.

Richer than I you can never be—I had a mother who read to me.

Great Sweeping Day, by Esther Wood, Longmans, Green & Co., price \$1.75 (7 to 10 years). Our own Esther Wood, who wrote The Bangle-Man Stories and other Graded Sunday School series and drew the attractive posters and illustrations for much of our literature, wrote this charming story and profusely illustrated it with her own drawings. An irresistible little boy runs away from home to escape house cleaning time and sees many interesting sights, but best of all "home" when he returns.

A Treasure of Darkness, by Mabel Shaw, Longmans, Green & Co., price \$2.25 (7 to 10 years). The story of a little girl born in the heart of the African forest, left motherless, and taken by her father to the nearest village where she was nursed and loved and taught by a wise missionary. A rollicking, happy little child whose joy in life and people is irresistible. The illustrations are photographs. A delightful story to read to primary children.

Blue Nets and Red Sails, by Helen Bradley Preston, illustrated by Margaret Temple Braley, Longmans, Green & Co., price \$1.00 (8 to 10 years). An interesting story of two Brittany boys and their memorable day on a fishing boat.

Pablo's Pipe, by Frances Eliot, E. P. Dutton & Co., price \$1.50 (6 to 10 years). A story of a little Mexican boy, gay with pictures.

A Day At School, by Agnes McCready, with photographic illustrations by Ruth A. Nichols, E. P. Dutton & Co., price \$1.00.

Joseph Haydn, the Merry Little Peasant, by Opal Wheeler & Sybil Deucher, illustrated by Mary Greenwalt, E. P. Dutton & Co., \$2.00 (8 to 12 years).

The Chief of the Herd, by Dhan Gopal Mukerji, illustrated by Mahlon Blaine. E. P. Dutton & Co., price \$1.00 (9-12 years). Another authentic story by a master in the sphere of wild ani-

mal life. This is a story of an elephant.

Fierce-Face, by Dhan Gopal Mukerji, illustrated by Dorothy P. Lathrop, E. P. Dutton, price \$1.50 (5-10 years). The story of a tiger cub.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' COLUMN

Christmas All Year 'Round

It is the Christmas spirit of love and sharing that makes us happy on Christmas day. If more of our days were filled with this spirit we should feel as do some of the children mentioned in the following letters, that "we have Christmas all the year round here."

The older girls at Mather have



Wesley, Merle, Arley, Stanley, and Paul Brown, sons of Rev. and Mrs. Lewis A. Brown of Vanga, Belgian Congo. Their picture appeared on page 571 last month. The five boys are in the Home for Missionaries' Children in Granville, Ohio

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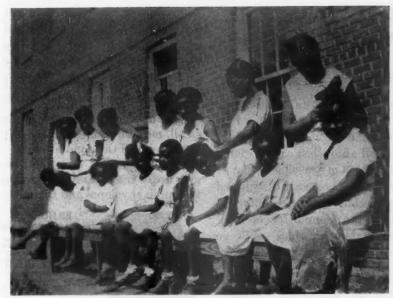
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Normal students at the Mather School combing the hair of Negro children after having given them a bath

given, out of their scant funds, enough money to provide the primary children in the day school with a hot lunch. Some of these little ones walk 3 miles to attend school, wearing very scant clothing, and bring their tiny, tiny bits of food in a paper bag. Something hot and nourishing when the thermometer is 18°, makes the day cheery.

When Mr. Rosenwald offered to build a good school for the Negroes in a certain community in the South if they would raise \$300 for it themselves, there was a quick response from those who really wanted an education. One little boy carried garbage from far and near to feed his pig so that it would weigh hundreds of pounds when he sold it, to apply the money on the \$300. A little girl had a hen and 15 chickens which she raised to sell and give the money.

On Missionary Sunday at our Italian Christian Center, our offering is for Georgie a little boy at Kodiak Orphanage. One day a four-year-old boy brought two pennies for Georgie saying, "When I thanked Jesus for my food this

morning, I asked him to take care of Georgie and give him food. My mother said, 'Who is Georgie?' so I told her and my daddy gave me two cents for Georgie." On another day two little five-year-old boys were pounding on the door, as they couldn't reach the bell. I went to the door and one of them handed in a paper hat he had made in school saying, "This for Georgie."

A little stray, dirty, pale yellow pup followed some Mather girls to the school one day. He was a sorry sight, but dear to the heart of little Mae who realized he would not be welcome in that condition. She hid him away in a barrel behind the woodshed for the night, hoping to wash him up in the morning but, alas, in the middle of the night he started an unearthly howl. Lilly Mae nervously paced the hall wondering what she might do, when a teacher appeared on the scene. After some coaxing the story of the pup was told and the teacher made him a bed on some sacks in the furnace room. After a bath and a liberal dose of flea powder, he was named "Thirtysix" in honor of the class.

Petelo Kokolo writes from Moanza, Africa: "Tonight as I sit by my camp-fire I am thinking of the stories which our white mama has told us about the palefaced boys and girls across the sea. Perhaps you would be interested to hear about our work and play. I think of the words about our dear, Lord Jesus, 'He grew in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.' We, too, want to grow as Jesus did, so we go to school, we work and play, we sing songs and we love riddles and stories.

"One of our favorite games is 'The Leopard and the Goat,' played like your game of fox and geese. The boys like to swim and fish. We make traps to catch field mice, snakes, birds, lizards, etc. When we are very young, our fathers make bows and arrows and take us to the forest, to teach us to hunt. That is great sport. We kill antelope, monkeys, wild pig, large snakes and birds. We are very fond of meat, so we sing songs when we return from the hunt. Sometimes we set traps for leopards in our locality. Just last month, a leopard came to our village one night, and ate an animal skin hanging outside the house of our white father. A short time later, we were all alarmed one day, to find my little cousin, Moaka, missing. The whole village searched for him, but he has never been found. As we saw leopard tracks, we are afraid that the leopard stole him away. Our hearts were full of sadness. Our little sisters do not have much time to play, for they take care of baby brothers and sisters when mother goes to the gardens. They like to play house and they help make the gardens, carry water from the spring and cook the food.

"Greetings to you all, dear American Crusaders, Heralds and Jewels."

. THE CONFERENCE TABLE .

The Measuring Rod

STORY read in girlhood days . comes to mind—the story of "The Measuring Rod." In a young girl's dream of Measuring Day a tall golden rod was set in the ground. Over it were the words: "The measure of the stature of the perfect man." Beside it stood a great shining angel with a very kind but serious face. He had come to see how much the souls of the people had grown since last Measuring Day. One by one they stood beside the rod, and strange things happened. Each one shrank or increased to his true-his spiritualdimensions, for this was an index of soul growth shown in this mysterious way. There were many surprises, of course, for some of those who were most active in the work of the church were shown to be very small in soul stature, while others increased in height.

If the measuring rod were set up today beside your gift box what mark would you reach? How much has your soul grown during the past year? Would you attain to "the measure of the stature of the perfect man," indicating loving and sacrificial giving in larger amount? Or would your mark be low because love was lacking in your gifts?

At this season when you are thinking so much about giving to your friends and loved ones will you not first offer to Him who was the first Christmas Gift your increased love and devotion, expressed by a larger amount in your gift box?

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The particular responsibility of the women this year is to go Forward through the gift boxes. If we are to go over the top in the Forward Fund we must secure gifts over and above last year's giving to the extent of \$360,000. Please be sure that gift boxes are distributed in every church, and send information to the Committee of Conference about various ways in which they are being used.

In many of the states the question is being asked, "Just what monies should be counted in gift boxes?" The following action was recommended by the Committee of Conference and approved by both the National Women's Boards:

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It is understood that all these gifts are over and above the giving in church envelopes and that they



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In order to reach our goal we urge the women to increase their gifts through gift boxes by 20%.

CHRISTMAS EVERYWHERE

A simple program based on this issue of Missions,

By Anna Canada Swain

DEVOTIONAL PERIOD

Hymns—"O, Come, All Ye Faithful"; "Joy to the World"

Scripture—Luke 2:4-14; John 10:10

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Have every one in the room answer very briefly as his or her name is called with information gleaned from

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According to news reports, the interest in travel, which reached a "new high" during the summer, has carried over into the fall with prospects for a record-breaking winter. This keen interest is capitalized in the following sketch by Mrs. Elwood A. Harrar, of First Baptist Church, Camden, N. J.

The Dollar Line

The setting is a comfortable living room, with a map of the world on the rear wall. Travel folders are scattered over the table, and there are even a few on the floor. A young woman is seated earnestly studying her bank book. Her friend, Jean, enters, and looks about her in amazement.

Jean: Well, Ruth, what's the big idea?

Ruth: Oh, I'm thinking about taking a trip.

Jean: (looking over the assortment on the table) Judging from all these and the map (pointing toward it) you must be thinking of a trip around the world. Did some of your rich relatives leave you a fortune?

Ruth: (ruefully) No. That's just the trouble. I've always dreamed of taking a trip around the world, and I thought I could do it this year. But according to this (tossing the bank book on the table) it will have to be postponed for another year.

Jean: Why don't you try the Dollar Line?

Ruth: (indignantly) You must think that I am as foolish as the man I read about. He wanted to go to California, so one day he walked into the Dollar Steamship Company's office and laid down a dollar—and asked for a ticket! No, thanks. I may look foolish, but I'm not quite that bad!

Jean: No. This is an honest-to-goodness line, and very safe.

Ruth: Well, let's hear about it. Jean: First I want to tell you the story of a young girl who was planning to be married and who was to have a wedding trip around the world. Just a month before the wedding she had a bad fall, and the doctor said she would have to spend the rest of her life in a wheel chair. So, since she couldn't take that trip around the world, she read all the travel books she could find and saw with her mind's eye all the places she had expected to see on her wedding journey. Today she is considered a most interesting and

well-informed woman, and yet she has spent her life in a wheel chair and has never traveled.

Ruth: What is the moral? Buy a wheel chair?

Jean: Not at all! But just because you can't travel is no reason why you need be ignorant of what is going on in different parts of the world today. Invest a dollar in Missions Magazine. It is a good Baptist periodical that tells in a most interesting way what is being done by our missionaries in the different countries. Through the editorials and Charles Wells' cartoons, you are kept informed concerning the political situation in these countries.

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So take just one dollar out of that bank account (picks up bank book and hands it to Ruth) and invest it in Missions, and you will be much better informed when you do take your trip.

Ruth: Thanks for the tip. I guess I'll try it.

Jean: If you do, you will always be grateful that I called today.

Follow the sketch with the "booking" of the trip, urging all present to "sign up" with the local representative of the *Line* (the Club Manager). Provide for her a colorful booth, gaily decorated with posters and travel folders and equipped with ink and pens, subscription forms, sample copies of the magazine, etc., where would-be travelers may leave their subscriptions.

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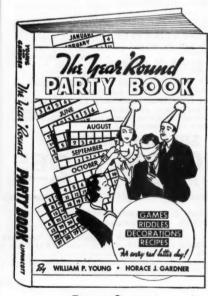
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Ataloa has been granted a Rockefeller Foundation fellowship for original research in Indian arts and culture. She has resigned from the faculty of Bacone College and is now gathering material for a book on Indian art. After visiting large museums, private collections of Indian art, and tribal areas in all sections of the United States, she will continue her research in Mexico.



Ataloa

Last summer Ataloa represented the Indian Bureau and Indian education at a seminar-conference in Honolulu, sponsored by Yale and by Hawaii Universities. In this stimulating group of educators, missionaries, and anthropologists, 30 nations were represented. The enthusiastic response of Hawaiian audiences to her lectures and concerts enabled Ataloa establish an international scholarship. "The only way," she writes, "I could try to express ap-

preciation for all that the conference and Honolulu meant to me was in doing something tangible and definite. So I'm sending an Indian girl over there and a Hawaiian girl to a university in the United States for graduate work." Service clubs in Honolulu became interested and asked that they might have a share in the scholarship which Ataloa hopes to make a permanent thing.

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